

Statement of Declared Purpose

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NCFE



Name of Regulated Qualification

NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing
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OVERVIEW

What does this qualification cover?

The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing focuses on direct chair side work and support during a range of dental treatments. It also encompasses the underpinning ethics, professionalism, teamwork and communication required to work as a Dental Nurse. It is based on, and meets, the General Dental Councils (GDC) 'Standards for Education'.

- It covers all the General Dental Council (GDC) Learning Outcomes and Skills for Health National Occupational Standards (NOS).
- Upon completion, it will enable learners to apply for registration with the GDC*.
- It can be taken as part of the Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Health (Dental Nursing).

The GDC has confirmed approval of this qualification and details can be found on their website www.gdc-uk.org.

The qualification is formed of all mandatory units. From these units, you will gain knowledge, understanding and skills in the following areas:

- health and safety in the dental environment
- regulatory requirements in relation to the role of a dental nurse
- reflecting on and developing own practice as a dental nurse
- preparing and maintaining environments, instruments and equipment for clinical dental procedures
- promoting oral health for individuals
- providing support during the assessment of individuals' oral health
- contributing to the production of dental images
- providing support during the prevention and control of periodontal disease, caries and the restoration of cavities

- providing support during the provision of fixed and removable prosthesis
- providing support during non-surgical endodontic treatment
- providing support during the extraction of teeth and minor oral surgery procedures
- principles of infection control in the dental environment
- dental anatomy and assessment of oral health
- principles and techniques of dental radiography
- principles of managing oral disease and dental procedures
- understanding ethics and professionalism in dental nursing
- first aid essentials

Who is this qualification designed for?

This qualification is designed for you if you want to work or if you are already working as a Dental Nurse. This qualification is also suitable if you wish to take it as part of the Apprenticeship Standard for a Dental Nurse (England) and Advanced Apprenticeship in Health (Dental Nursing) framework (Wales)

As this qualification requires you to show knowledge, understanding and skills, you must be either working or on practical placement.

If you are already working as a Dental Nurse this qualification could be undertaken to consolidate and extend your knowledge, understanding and skills. It will also confer your competence in your role as a Dental Nurse.

If you are on practical placement, this qualification will provide you with the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills which will support you to gain employment as a Dental Nurse.

You must be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but training providers may have their own guidelines.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role at which level?

On completion of this qualification, you may progress into employment as a Dental Nurse or to other career pathways (with additional entry qualifications), including:

- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Therapist
- Orthodontic Therapist
- Laboratory Technician

- Dentist
- Senior Nurse
- Practice Manager
- Tutor
- Teacher and Assessor of student Dental Nurses.

Will the qualification support progression to further learning?

On completion of this qualification you may progress to qualifications in the following areas:

- dental sedation
- dental radiography
- dental technology
- oral health education
- special care dental nursing
- orthodontic nursing
- dental practice management

If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification at the same Level, why should a learner take this particular one?

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WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

The following employers have supported this qualification:

- Aycliffe Dental Practice
- Lund Osler Dental Healthcare
- John G. Plummer and Associates Dental Surgeons
- University Hospital Bristol – School for Dental Care Professionals
- C.M Browne and R.A Laurens Dental Surgery