

Dental Nurse

① What the role entails

The Dental Nurse role complements the role of other dental professionals. One of the primary roles is to provide chair side support to dental professionals and deliver a high level of patient care. Dental Nurses are registered professionals and work within the standards and scope of practice defined by the GDC Scope of Practice document (Sept 2013).

② On-programme assessment

The apprentice must achieve the following on-programme assessment requirements prior to Gateway:

- Level 2 English and maths
- A General Dental Council approved licence to practice



③ Gateway requirements

The decision to take an apprentice through Gateway is made between the employer, Independent Training Provider and apprentice. The apprentice must have achieved all the required on-programme elements before they enter Gateway.



④ End-Point Assessment

The EPA for Dental Nurse contains 2 methods of assessment as outlined below:

Observation

The Observation will last for 60 minutes (plus or minus 10% at the discretion of the Independent End-Point Assessor (IEPA)) and will take place in the apprentice's place of work. Apprentices must evidence all of the knowledge, skills and behaviours identified in the assessment plan. Some of the criteria may be assessed in a 10 minute Question and Answer session at the end of the Observation.

Grade Weighting - The Observation is graded as Fail or Pass by the IEPA.

Professional Discussion

The Professional Discussion is a structured discussion of 40 minutes (plus or minus 10% at the discretion of the IEPA), following the Practical Observation, which will assess the knowledge, skills and behaviours identified in the assessment plan. The discussion will be based around a scenario which will be given to the apprentice 30 minutes prior to the Professional Discussion to allow them to make note in preparation for their Discussion.

Grade Weighting - The Professional Discussion is graded as Fail, Pass or Distinction by the IEPA.

⑤ Grade aggregation table

Observation	Professional Discussion	Overall Grading
Fail	Fail	Fail
Fail	Pass	Fail
Fail	Distinction	Fail
Pass	Fail	Fail
Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Distinction	Distinction

⑥ Completion and certification

Once the IEPA verifies the apprentice has successfully completed all EPAs, CACHE will activate certification. Working with the apprenticeship certificate issuing authority, we'll ensure the apprentice receives their certificate.



⑦ What next?

The apprentice could progress onto the Level 4 Dental Practice Manager Apprenticeship.

Why choose EPA Plus?

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