

# Dental Nurse

Level

3

Duration

Typically  
21 months

Cost £6,000

## How can a Dental Nurse apprentice benefit my business?

The Dental Nurse apprenticeship programme will provide your apprentice with the knowledge and support to develop the necessary practical skills and an understanding of the job role. Apprentices will develop the professional behaviours required and gain a greater understanding of the standards needed to gain entrance to the General Dental Council's professional register. Apprentices will gain confidence which will support your wider team and help them to build a foundation for future career development.

## Who is the Dental Nursing apprenticeship for?

This apprenticeship is suitable for anyone wishing to train as a dental nurse and gain access to the General Dental Council's (GDC) professional register. In order to work as a dental nurse in the UK, and meet the GDC criteria, individuals either have to be on a training programme, have a place on a training programme to start within 2 years or already have gained a professional qualification such as the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing (Apprenticeship).

At Colchester Institute we seek to support apprentices who work in dental practices in North and Mid Essex and South Suffolk as weekly attendance at our Colchester Campus is mandatory.

## What will it cost the business to take on an apprentice?

**Levy-paying employers** in England can use funds in their Apprenticeship Service Account to fund apprenticeship training costs.

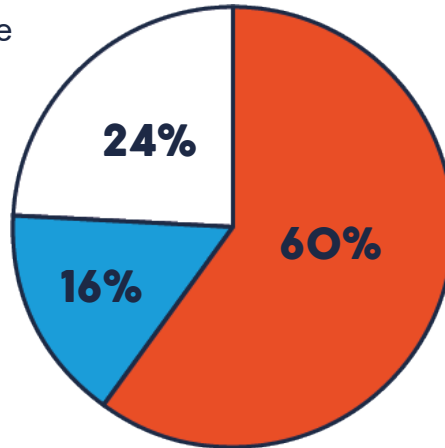
**Non-levy paying employers:** The government will fund between 95% - 100%\* of the cost of training an apprentice.

\*This depends on how many people are employed within the company, the age of the apprentice and also if they have been in care or have a Local Authority Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).



## How is the '20% off-the-job' training delivered?

Apprentices will attend college weekly during term times for delivery of knowledge, new learning and tutor support.



	Work-based Activity (Mentoring)
	College Workshops
	Self Directed Research

## Functional Skills

If your apprentice does not hold a GCSE 4/5 or equivalent in English and maths, they will be required to complete functional skills. Delivery options will be agreed upon before the commencement of the apprenticeship.

## End Point Assessment

The EPA tests and validates the knowledge, skills and behaviours that an apprentice has gained during their training and demonstrates the competence of an apprentice in their role. This assessment for the Dental Nurse apprenticeship consists of:

- Synoptic test (multiple choice)
- Workplace observation
- Interview

## The Learner Journey

<b>Month 1</b>	<b>Sign-up and Induction</b>	<b>Skill Scan · Induction · Learning Plan</b>
<b>Months 2 - 19</b>	<b>On programme</b>	<b>Knowledge Development · Skill and Professional Behaviour Development · Delivery of Practical Skills · Workplace Mentor Support · Portfolio Building</b>
<b>Month 20</b>	<b>Gateway to EPA</b>	<b>EPA Portfolio Building · Revision for Synoptic Test</b>
<b>Month 21</b>	<b>EPA</b>	<b>Synoptic Test · Assessment by IEPA · Observation of Practice · Interview</b>

## Progression

Successful completion of this qualification will allow you to register with the GDC and work as a dental nurse. Progression routes include access to some Higher Education degree courses and job roles such as Dental Hygienist, Dental Therapist, Orthodontic Therapist or certificated courses such as Dental Radiography, Oral Health Education and extended duties such as impression taking and fluoride application.