

# Health, Science and Social Care Professions

## Dental Nurse Level 3 Apprenticeship

### In Brief

#### Start Date / Duration

You may start this apprenticeship at any time.  
You will study for 24 months.

#### Entry Requirements

- It is desirable that you have English and maths at grade C/4 or above or Level 2 Functional/Key Skills, although this is not essential as Level 2 Functional Skills can be delivered as part of the apprenticeship programme
- It is essential that you complete all vaccinations for Hepatitis B.
- You will need to find an employer to employ you as an apprentice.
- Please see our **Apprenticeship vacancies.**  
<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/our-departments/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies/>

#### You will achieve

Dental Nursing Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship. (Standard).

### Course Overview

This apprenticeship is suitable if you would like a career as a Dental Nurse. A Dental Nurse provides 'chair-side support' for the dental team, which includes dentists, dental therapists, hygienists and technicians. Dental Nurses may work in a variety of clinical environments and the apprenticeship reflects all aspects of clinical responsibilities and duties of a Dental Nurse's role and will provide the apprentice with the relevant qualification to apply to the General Dental

Council (GDC) for professional registration as a Dental Nurse.

Click here [<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>] for further information regarding the Standard Apprenticeship.

## Course Content

You will study:

- Dental and regional anatomy, plus oral anatomy and physiology.
- Respiratory and circulatory systems and how to recognise the range and functions of normal human structures.
- Health promotion and disease prevention and the basic principles of a population health care approach, including oral and general health care.
- Factors that can affect oral and general health care and the transmission of infectious diseases and their prevention.
- Mechanisms for the prevention of infection, plus the scientific principles of decontamination and disinfection and relevance to health and safety and current best practice guidelines.
- The dental team and GDC guidelines including roles and responsibilities of the Dental Nurse and other Dental Care Professionals involved in patient management.

Your own Clinical skills will be developed as you will need to demonstrate how you:

- Prepare and maintain the clinical environment before, during and after dental procedures.
- Prepare records, equipment and resources for all stages of treatment including dental radiography.
- Work in a safe and efficient manner.
- Undertake audits, testing and maintenance of equipment and maintain appropriate records to reflect this.
- Manage and perform effective decontamination and infection control procedures complying with legislative, local and current best practice guidelines.
- Provide chair-side support to the operator during clinical dental procedures.
- Prepare, mix and handle dental materials in correct manner whilst ensuring manufacturers' requirements for storage, usage and disposal are facilitated.
- Record dental charting and oral tissue assessment carried out by other registrants.

## How will I be assessed?

Your assessor will make appointments for observation visits in the workplace. You will also participate in professional discussion and your employer should provide witness statements to the college assessor.

## What Equipment Will I Need?

You will complete some written work but will also need access to a computer and the internet.

## Where will I study?

Old Mill Lane campus  
Church Street

Barnsley  
S70 2AX

## What can I do next?

Progression into employment as a Dental Nurse or a Level 4 Dental Nurse Management qualification. On completion of this apprenticeship the apprentice can register with the General Dental Council as a qualified Dental Nurse.

## How much does the course cost?

There is no cost to being an apprentice. All costs associated with your apprenticeship, including the cost of training and your salary, will be paid by your employer.

## Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 267.

## Extra information

### Contact the Apprenticeship Team

For further information please contact the team on 01226 216166 or email: [apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk) [<mailto:apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk>]

## Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and the Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/barnsley-sports-academy/>] .

## Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

## English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't already have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths they will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards higher grades in English and Maths we can help you do that too.

Need a higher level Maths qualification? We offer a [Level 3 Mathematical Studies \(Core Maths\)](#).

This can be added to your study programme.

If you need any further information, please contact our friendly [Information Team](#).

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