A close-up photograph of a dental unit control panel, showing various handpieces and buttons. The background is softly blurred, showing a dental clinic setting with a patient's head and shoulders visible in the distance.

# **DIPLOMA IN DENTAL NURSING**



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DENTAL NURSING**

# Key Information

**Course Title:** Diploma in Dental Nursing (face-to-face)

**Duration:**

One Year

**Start Date:**

February, March, May, July & October

**Hours:** 6 hours fortnightly (10 – 5)

**Location:** London or Reading

**Awarding Body:**

National Examination Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN)

**Academic Level:**

Level 3

**Fees:**

£1490 (excludes non-refundable NEBDN examination fees)

**Who's it for ?:**

Adult Learners 18+

The National Diploma in Dental Nursing course is accredited by the National Examination Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN) and the qualification is approved by the General Dental Council (GDC). Upon completion, it will enable learners to apply for registration with the GDC and qualify as a Dental Nurse.

The Diploma course combines lectures and classroom teaching with work experience in a dental practice which will enable you to acquire essential skills and confidence necessary to deal with both members of the public and dental professionals.

# Course Overview



## Who is it suitable for?

- This qualification is suitable for learners who are over 18 who would like to qualify as a Dental Nurse
- Those already working in a dental practice and would like to become a qualified dental nurse
- People seeking a fresh career or a new start.

## Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry qualifications but students are expected to be educated to good GCSE level or equivalent and have a good command of English language. Students are not admitted under the age of 18.

## What qualities are required to succeed as a Dental Nurse?

A good Dental Nurse will be well-organised with an eye for detail and be confident in dealing with members of the public. A caring outlook is required along with the ability to work as part of a team while exercising initiative when required.



# What prior experience do I need?

Many of our successful Dental Nurses join the course with little or no prior work experience. Others are looking for a change of career and a background of working in a people-facing environment such as retail, transport/tourism or hospitality (for example) is particularly useful.



# How is this qualification structured?

The course covers the NEBDN syllabus and includes those areas of knowledge and understanding which a dental nurse needs to develop in order to be able to practise competently.

The course also provides extensive preparation for the practical part of the exam (OSCE), and support with preparing the required Record of Experience (RoE).

Work experience is an essential part of the course and where students are not already part of a Dental Practice the School will assist the student in finding employment.



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Dental Nurses.**



# How is the course assessed?

The NEBDN examination is in two parts and you will need to pass Part 1 before you can take Part 2.

To be awarded this qualification, learners must pass the NEBDN written examination consisting of multiple-choice questions (MCQs) and extended matching questions (EMQs). This is followed up by a practical examination consisting of a series of objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs). We provide all the learning resources you need to succeed along with expert tuition. Our students have an outstanding record of success in the examinations.

## Work-experience

All students are required to gain work experience in a Dental Practice. This can be your current practice or the School will assist you in finding a suitable employment if you are new to the dental profession. During the course of your study your tutor may visit you at your practice to provide support and advice.



## How long will it take to complete this qualification?



12 – 18 Months.

## Do you need to be working to take this qualification?

As noted above learners will need to be working in a Dental Practice with a full-time or part-time employment contract in place, and enrolled on the Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing course to enable them to show competence in both knowledge and practical skills.

# What related qualifications can you progress to?

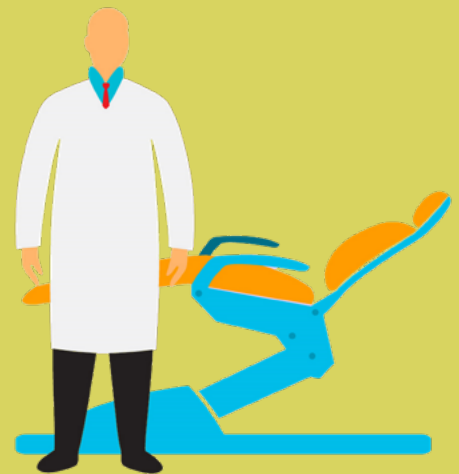
The Diploma opens up an exciting range of opportunities to gain level 4 or 5 qualifications in:

- Dental sedation
- Dental radiography
- Dental technology
- Oral health education
- Special care dental nursing
- Orthodontic nursing
- Dental practice management.

## Career opportunities

On completion of this qualification, learners may progress into employment as a Dental Nurse or onto 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 trainee Dental Nurses.

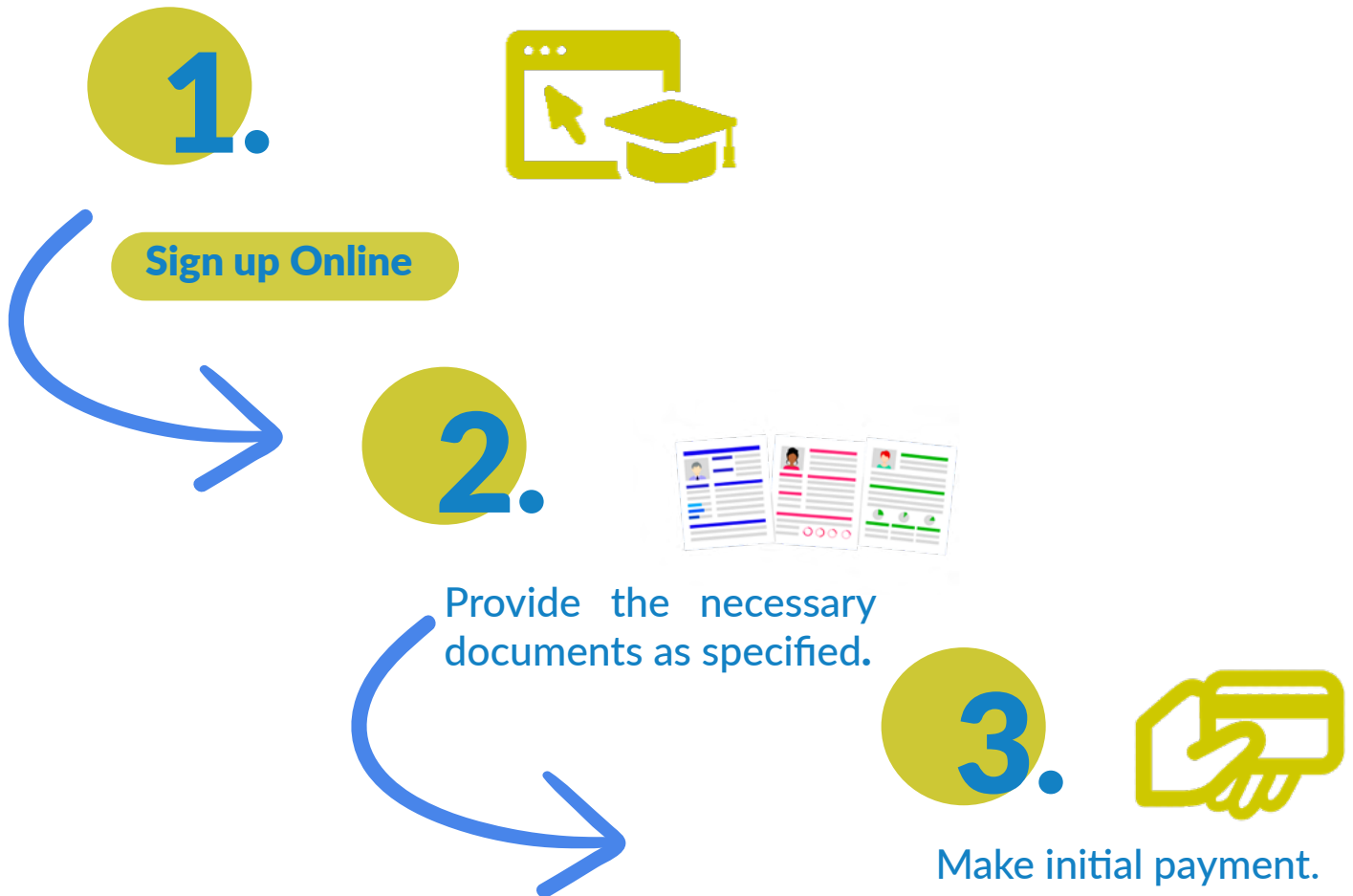


## Funding for this qualification

As this course requires paid employment the course fees can be paid from the salary you receive while you are learning. It is also the case that many Dental Practices support students with funding. An instalment plan is available to spread the cost with affordable payments. Students therefore qualify without accumulating student debt.

# How to apply?

In order to secure a place on the course and start learning you need to take the following steps:



## Need more Information ?

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