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# Apprenticeship in Dental Nursing

Blended Learning Programmes

Tempdent have been delivering dental nurse training for over 25 years and are the largest and top ranked apprenticeship provider in England for Dental Nurse apprenticeships.

Our specialist Dental teaching faculty ensures you can rely on Tempdent to provide the very best teaching and support to your apprentice dental nurse. With over 1000 learners on programme at any time and a pass rate of 99.8%, Tempdent are the training partner that you can trust.

Tempdent for me personally was an amazing experience and professional company who helped me to qualify as a Dental Nurse. The organisation as a whole was very supportive. They care about their trainees and are always asking for ways in which they can improve, any feedback was welcome. I felt every step was explained which really took the pressure off.



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Excellent  
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1st  
Dental Nurse  
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# Course Overview

The Apprenticeship in Dental Nursing is an 18-month government funded course and is comprised of 3 main components:

- City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing
- Functional Skills English & Maths level 2 qualifications (unless exempt. Typical exemptions include Maths and English GCSEs grade A-C)
- Integrated End Point Assessment – consisting of a synoptic test, interview & observation.

This qualification is accredited by City & Guilds and is delivered nationwide through blended interactive E-Learning, enabling learners to access the course from anywhere in the UK.

Candidates must be employed as a dental nurse before starting this course

## Apprenticeship Recruitment Support

Tempdent has an apprenticeship recruitment team who can support you if you are looking for a role. Furthermore, you are able to apply to any of the numerous jobs that we post on the National Apprenticeship Service through our [website](#).

Tempdent uploads new vacancies to the site daily. If you can't find a job in your area please call the apprenticeship recruitment team on 020 8371 6700. Once successfully placed in a dental practice, candidates are then able to enrol.

## Start Dates

- January
- April
- July
- October



# Course Structure

Government funded learners must be allocated 6 hours of their working week by their employer for off the job dental nurse course training including all forms of team inclusive CPD. Off the job training generally includes assessor observations, classroom sessions, webinars, workshops, assessor support.

## Blended

Teaching: Webinars

- 1.5 hour weekly during working day (Tutor led)

Interactive E- Learning Content

- Content/Presentation
- Tests/Quizzes
- Videos

## Assessor Contact:

- Portfolio Assessor (ongoing daily/ weekly support)
- Workplace Assessor (Minimum of 3 observations across the programme)

## End Point Assessment (EPA) (once portfolio complete)

- Synoptic Test
- Observation
- Interview

## Exams can be taken under supervised conditions in the work place

- Dental Nurse Exam (Synoptic Test)
- Maths Functional Skills exam (unless exempt)
- English Reading Functional Skills exam (unless exempt)
- English Writing Functional Skills exam (unless exempt)

Functional Skills tutoring will commence approximately one month prior to the apprenticeship starting\*

## Entry Requirements

Applicants should have Maths & English GCSE grade A-C/4-9 or Key Skills/Functional Skills Level 2. However, if applicants have attained qualifications of a similar level, we will review this on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants with Maths & English GCSE grade A-C/4-9 or Key Skills/Functional Skills Level 2 will be exempt from the Functional Skills components.

Candidates should be employed as a dental nurse for a minimum of 30 hours per week to complete the apprenticeship in the minimum times. In some circumstances the learner can work shorter hours, but the length of the qualification would need to be extended accordingly.

Candidates must have regular access to a computer or laptop with internet connectivity microphone & speakers as they will be required to attend live webinars, access online material, and prepare coursework.

# Enrolment Process

Enrolments are completed through an online meeting delivered at a time convenient to yourself. This will be led by a member of the tempdent onboarding team alongside the Practice Manager and the prospective apprentice. During this meeting all paperwork will be completed and we will be able to answer further questions and discuss next steps.

Once you have completed your enrolment process we will provide you with an acceptance letter for the next intake and provide access to our Induction programme to prepare you for the apprenticeship. Furthermore, at this stage we run drop in sessions enabling you to meet and ask questions of our assessors.

If you require any support please contact us at [academysupport@tempdent.co.uk](mailto:academysupport@tempdent.co.uk) or 020 8371 6700.

## Course Fees - payable by employer

Apprentice Age: 16-21

Non-levy SME  
Fully government funded (no fee)

Levy (payroll of £M plus per year):  
£6000 when using digital account OR £300 plus  
VAT when digital accounts funds have run out

Apprentice Age: 22+

Non-levy SME  
£300 plus VAT

Levy (payroll of £3M plus per year):  
£6000 when using digital account OR £300 plus  
VAT when digital accounts funds have run out





For candidate's ineligible for government funding the fee for the qualification is £4,600 plus VAT. Please note that this is for the diploma in dental nursing, a 12 month privately funded qualification – leading to GDC registration.

## Potential Additional Employer Fees

1. Should the learner fail their EPA the employer is responsible for paying for resit fees. The current fees are £369.50 + vat for observation & £369.50 + vat for professional discussion.
2. Tempdent has a 90% first time pass rate. In the very unlikely event that the learner has not completed their qualification by the funding expiry date the employer will be responsible for paying £300+vat per month. Tempdent works alongside the learner and employer to safeguard against this happening through regular updates and in 20 years of delivery it is very rare for this to be invoked.

## Employer government incentives

The following government incentives will be available to employers

Apprentice Age: 16-18

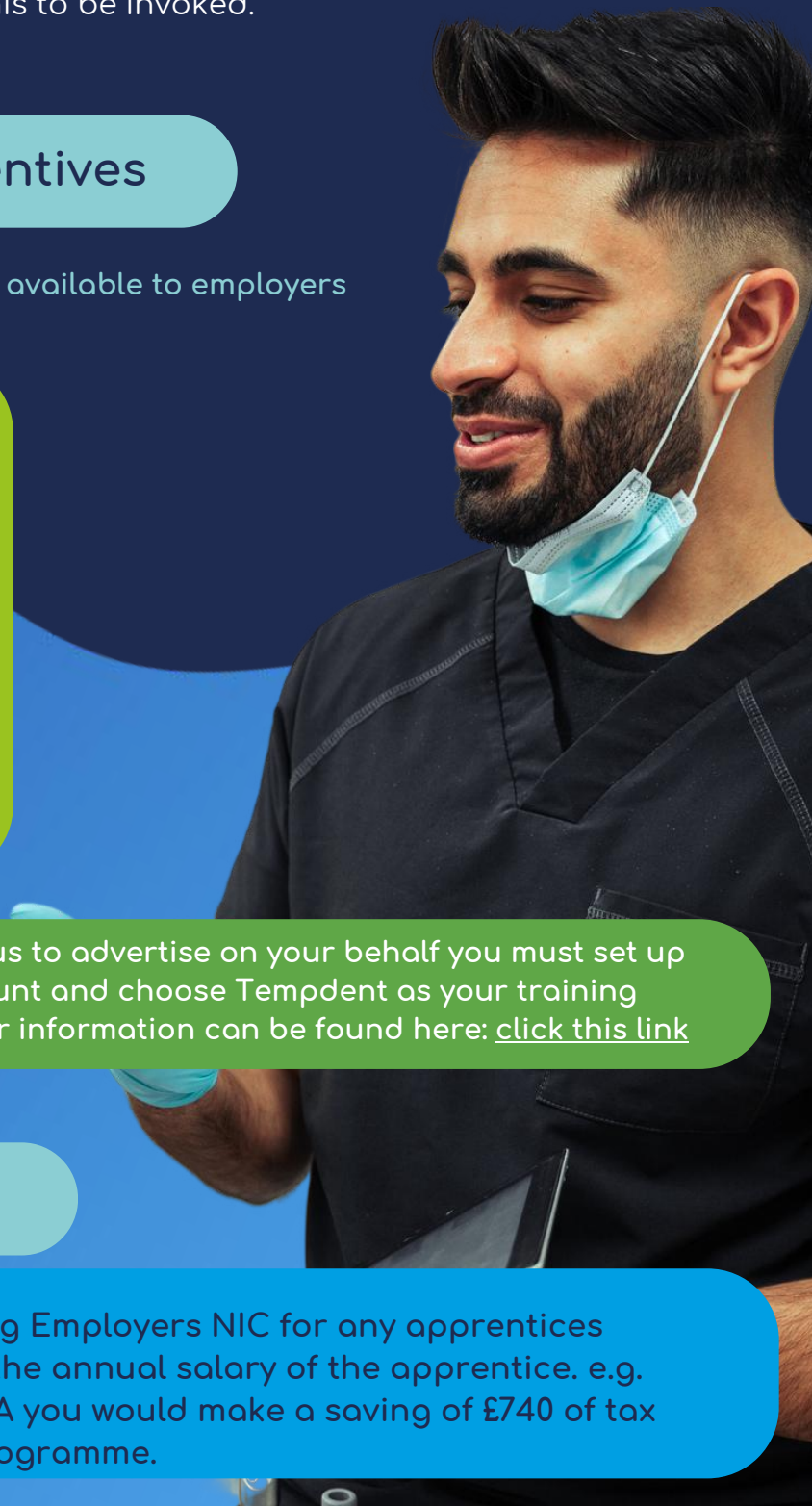
Non-levy SME:  
£1000 (£500 paid at week 13 & £500 paid after 1 year on programme)

Levy (payroll of £3M plus per year):  
£1000 (£500 paid at week 13 & £500 paid after 1 year on programme)

To access apprenticeship funding and for us to advertise on your behalf you must set up an Employers Apprenticeship Service account and choose Tempdent as your training provider using our UKPRN 10006554. Further information can be found here: [click this link](#)

## Employers NIC Exemption

Employers are not responsible for paying Employers NIC for any apprentices under the age of 25 saving you 13.8% of the annual salary of the apprentice. e.g. for an apprentice on a wage of £12,000 PA you would make a saving of £740 of tax contribution over the duration of the programme.



# Learning Outcomes

- To understand and prepare for professional practice in dental nursing
- To understand the impact of health and safety legislation in the dental setting and apply safe working practices
- To understand the prevention and control of infection in the dental setting and be able to apply processes to manage this
- To understand dental and regional anatomy, oral health assessments and treatment planning and be able to prepare the dental environment and support the operator during an oral health assessment
- To understand the role of trained responders for first aid and medical emergencies, use of emergency drugs, equipment, records, infection control and how to deal with medical emergencies.
- To understand current radiography legislation as well as the principles and techniques of taking, processing, storing and quality assuring radiographs
- To understand and be able to apply the skills and knowledge to prepare the clinical environment for various periodontal and restorative procedures and demonstrate the practical skills required.
- To understand the stages and be able to apply the skills and knowledge to prepare the clinical environment for various fixed and removable prosthetic procedures and demonstrate the practical skills required.
- To understand the various endodontic procedures, their preparation and application, including possible complications and patient centred support.
- To understand the various extraction and minor oral surgery procedures, their preparation and application, including possible complications and patient centred support.
- To understand the theoretical causes, progression and management of oral diseases and apply this knowledge to tailor information and advice to patients' specific needs

## Benefits

- Provides candidates with a professional qualification and career path.
- Qualified dental nurses can progress onto post-GDC registration courses such as the Oral Health Education, Dental Radiography and Sedation.
- The dental nurse course creates an opportunity to progress into teaching, assessing, dental hygiene, therapy careers and Dental Practice Management

## How do I apply?

You can apply for this course by;

- [Apply through our website](#)
- Email us at [info@tempdent.co.uk](mailto:info@tempdent.co.uk)
- Phone our Apprenticeship team on 020 8371 6700

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Levy Transfer – save on the  
5% employer contribution

Tempdent have a relationship with a large NHS apprenticeship levy payer who are happy to gift excess funds to smaller Non-levy dental practices. In order to access these funds an application form must be completed which we will provide in due course and your practice must have an NHS contract (however small). Should you choose to take up this offer you will not be required to pay the 5% employer contribution.