

## Dental nursing

### Qualification and Level

Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 3) in Dental Nursing.

### Why Dental Nursing?

Since it has become legislation that all dental care professionals are registered with the General Dental Council the necessity for a qualification in dental nursing has become law; you cannot work in a clinical environment without it. Being a qualified member of the dental team is a must for all dental care professionals.

### Why York College?

York College offers a vibrant young adult environment with over 13,000 full and part-time learners, a friendly atmosphere, and support from specialist staff. We offer a wide range of academic and vocational qualifications at all levels, and work both with individuals and alongside local educational providers and businesses.

Our award-winning £60 million campus offers modern state-of-the-art teaching, learning and social facilities including: realistic training environments; Learning Centre; hair and beauty spa; day nursery; café and food court; restaurant; sports development centre; theatre

We have an outstanding reputation in the market place and we have excellent results. We can offer you evening classes in an award winning facility, and work based learning within your clinical environment.

### Are there any entry requirements?

You must be in full time work within a dental practice for you to be able to be assessed in the clinical environment. Additionally, applicants should have GCSE's (or equivalent) at Grade C or above in Maths and English. Evidence of this will be required at interview.

You will undergo an interview and advice and guidance sessions at the College before starting your programme. The delivery of the programme is one evening per week (three hours) for one year.

### What will I study?

The Dental Nursing Advanced Apprenticeship framework consists of:

- Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing
- Functional Skills Level 2 in Application of Number
- Functional Skills Level 2 in Communication
- Level 3 Award in Employment and Personal Learning Skills in Health

You must complete all parts of the framework to achieve the full qualification, however, you may be exempt from the functional skills depending on your previous qualifications. You will need to complete the NVQ and the VRQ to register on the GDC register.

### How will I be assessed?

For the Diploma you will build up a portfolio, which is a collection of examples or evidence of your work that demonstrates your skills and ability, such as a work diary, photos, statements from your employer and colleagues and examples of completed tasks. Assessment consists of practical tasks, observations, oral questioning, written questions and external exams.

### What can I do next?

Post qualifications in Oral health care include: sedation, radiography, foundation degree in Dental Nursing or a diploma in Hygiene Therapy

### What alternatives are there?

The only true alternative to this qualification is the National Diploma in Dental nursing

## How do I apply?

Fill in the Work Based Learning Application Form and send it to the Admissions Team at York College at the address below. We'll write to invite you to an interview and guidance session. Our programmes are popular and fill up quickly, so we advise you to apply as early as you can, even if you don't yet have a job.

## Who can give me further information and advice?

### Admissions Team

Your first point of contact about the application process.  
York College, Sim Balk Lane, York YO23 2BB  
01904 770449, [admissions.team@yorkcollege.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.team@yorkcollege.ac.uk)

### Dental Assessor (Victoria Norris)

Advice and guidance about Dental Apprenticeships and possibly help with finding a job.  
York College, Sim Balk Lane, York YO23 2BB  
07791793406

### Employer Engagement Support Officers

Advice about Apprenticeships for students and employers.  
York College, Sim Balk Lane, York YO23 2BB  
01904 770445, [apprenticeships@yorkcollege.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@yorkcollege.ac.uk)

### Future Prospects

Advice about careers, Apprenticeships and other courses in the York area.  
24 Swinegate, York YO1 8AZ  
01904 634748, [admin@futureprospects.org.uk](mailto:admin@futureprospects.org.uk), [www.futureprospects.org.uk](http://www.futureprospects.org.uk)

### Student Services

Confidential information, advice and signposting on a wide range of matters including accommodation, travel, childcare, welfare, benefits and financial assistance.  
York College, Sim Balk Lane, York YO23 2BB  
01904 770397, [studentservices@yorkcollege.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@yorkcollege.ac.uk)

### Apprenticeships Helpline and Website

Information about Apprenticeships from the National Apprenticeship Service for students, parents and employers.  
08000 150 600, [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

York College is committed to creating an environment where there is mutual respect and equality of opportunity.