

Career pathways in... **Dental nursing**



Develop a long-term career...

Careers in dental nursing are varied and provide opportunity for progression. The pathway below conveys the process to achieve each step and the qualifications needed. All your career questions are answered here...

How can I achieve my goals?
What path should I take?
Which course best suits me?

Step 2 example qualifications:

Level 2 Apprenticeship - Customer Service	
Level 2 Apprenticeship - Business Administration	
Level 3 Certificate in Dental Decontamination	

Step 3 example qualifications:

Level 3 Apprenticeship - Dental Nursing	✓
Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment	
Dental Treatment Coordinator Course	
Level 3 Apprenticeship - Dental Laboratory Assistant	
Level 3 Apprenticeship - Veterinary Nursing	

Step 4 example qualifications:

Level 3 Apprenticeship - Team Leading / Supervisor	✓
Level 4 Diploma in Management and Leadership CMI	
Level 4 Apprenticeship - Dental Practice Manager	✓
Level 4 Apprenticeship - Oral Health Practitioner	
Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment	
Level 5 Diploma in CIPD	
NEBDN National Diploma in Dental Nursing	✓

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Step 5 example qualifications:

BTEC National Diploma in Dental Technology	
Foundation Degree in Oral Health Science	
Level 5 Apprenticeship - Dental Technician	
Level 5 Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy	

Step 6 example qualifications:

Level 4 Diploma in Learning and Development	
Level 5 Apprenticeship - Management	
Level 5 Diploma in Chartered Management Institute	
BSc (Hons) Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy	
Level 6 Apprenticeship - BSc Registered Nurse (NMC 2010)	
Level 6 Apprenticeship - Midwifery BSc	

Step 7 example qualifications:

Doctorate of Dental Surgery (DDS)	
Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)	
Level 7 Apprenticeship - Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Degree)	

Step 8 example qualifications:

Master's Degree	
Orthodontics MSc	
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery MSc	
MBA or similar management qualification	
Doctorate	

Well done!

Step 8

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- Owner
- Clinical Director
- Managing Director
- Professor in Dentistry

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- Dentist
- Orthodontist

Within each step you can choose any career option



Step 7

Step 6

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- Practice manager
- Dental technician
- Hygienist/Therapist
- Orthodontic Therapist

Step 5

Step 4

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- Area Manager
- Operations Manager

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- Dental Nurse
- Treatment Co-ordinator
- Dental Nurse Trainer
- Dental Nurse with extended duties (e.g radiography)

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- Senior Dental Nurse
- Quality Assurer
- HR Officer
- Assistant Manager

Step 3

Step 2

Start here

Reach your dream role by following our steps to success...



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- Receptionist
- Decontamination Nurse
- Administrative Assistant



We hope this has helped to give you an insight into the careers you can progress into within health & social care.

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