

DIPLOMA IN DENTAL NURSING (FULL-TIME)

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Diploma in Dental Nursing (NFQ Level 7, Special Purpose Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Recognise the importance of cross infection control and demonstrate its application in the clinical dental environment;
- Apply knowledge and understanding of the anatomical and physiological structures in the oral cavity and provide an overview of the structure and function of systems relevant to dentistry;
- Enable the student to discuss and debate ethical and professional issues in relation to Dental Nursing and describe the role of the Dental Nurse within the dental team;
- Demonstrate an understanding of oral pathology and disease as it applies to the work of the Dental Nurse;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the basic theory and practical application of skills in Restorative Dentistry;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the principles and clinical practice of oral surgery and oral medicine;
- Apply knowledge and understanding on how to respond appropriately to medical emergencies in the dental surgery;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the basic theory and its practical application in the following areas: Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry and Dental Public Health;
- Enable the student to demonstrate an awareness of the principles of practice administration;
- Obtain, record and have verified their clinical practice;
- Demonstrate an understanding of given topics in relation to Dental Nursing which develops their research and presentation skills.