

DIPLOMA IN DENTAL NURSING (PART-TIME)

Overview

NFQ Level 7, Special Purpose Award

(Part-time)

This 16-month part-time, outreach programme aims to provide the Dental Nurse with practical skills supported by the theoretical knowledge required to understand the Dental Nurse's role and responsibility as part of the dental team.

In order to be admitted to the University Examination in Dental Nursing, a student must have satisfactorily attended (subsequent to entry to the College of Medicine and Health) prescribed modules amounting to 120 credits.

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

Programme Requirements

Students take 120 credits as follows:

Core Modules

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| DN1001 | Ethical Issues in the Provision of Dental Care | 5 |
| DN1002 | Microbiology and Cross Infection Control for Dental Nurses | 15 |
| DN1005 | Dental Anatomy and Physiology (Oral and Systemic) for Dental Nursing | 10 |
| DN1007 | Dental Pathology and Disease | 10 |
| DN1008 | Restorative Dentistry for Dental Nurses | 10 |
| DN1009 | Oral Surgery for Dental Nurses | 10 |
| DN1011 | Oral Health and Development for Dental Nurses | 10 |
| DN1012 | Dental Practice Administration | 5 |
| DN1013 | Clinical Student Portfolio | 20 |
| DN1015 | Medical Emergencies for Dental Nurses | 10 |
| DN1016 | Dental Research Based Project | 15 |

Total Credits 120

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

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.