NEBDN POST REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE COURSE

NEBDN Certificate in Orthodontic Nursing

This course is for qualified, registered dental nurses, who have appropriate indemnity in place and wish to expand their knowledge on this specialised topic.

As well as attending compulsory study days (approx. 1 per month) dental nurses will need to complete a Record of Competence (RoC) before being entered for the NEBDN examination. Therefore, it is recommended that the dental nurse works in an Orthodontic practice for at least 2 days per week.

The Record of Competence will include the following:

- **Part A: Practical Competence Assessment Sheets (PACS)**
  These 35 PCAS provide evidence of the candidates’ involvement in the care of patients undergoing various stages of orthodontic treatment.
  - 12 cases of Fixed appliances involving:
    - 3 Bonding
    - 3 Banding
    - 3 Adjustment
    - 3 Debonding
  - 6 cases of Removable appliances involving:
    - 3 Fitting
    - 3 Adjusting
  - 9 cases of Functional appliances involving:
    - 3 Bite Registration
    - 3 Fitting
    - 3 Adjustment
  - 4 cases of Retention involving:
    - 2 Bonded retainers
    - 2 Removable retainers
  - 4 cases assisting during impression taking and bite registration
    - 2 Study model impressions (including bite registration)
    - 2 Functional appliance impressions (including bite registration)

- **Part B: 2 Expanded Case Studies** of between 1,800 - 2,200 words EACH:
  - 1 administration of oral health care and maintenance of an orthodontic appliance
  - 1 inter-disciplinary care. (This *excludes* the routine return to the referring dentist for extractions)
Part C: Directly Observed Clinical Skills Assessment (DOCS)
Dental nurses must demonstrate competency in a number of clinical skills:
- 2 Casting of base trimmed study models
- 2 Oral hygiene instruction prior to orthodontic treatment
- 2 Oral hygiene instruction to patients wearing a fixed orthodontic appliance
- 5 Sets of orthodontic clinical photographs (5 intra oral and 5 extra oral)

Part D: Supplementary Outcomes
Dental nurses must complete these to a satisfactory level to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of different areas of the syllabus.
- A set of photographs of base trimmed study models in occlusion
- Clinical photographs- intra oral and extra oral views.
- 2 Cephalometric tracing and measurement
- 1 Cephalometric digitisation
- An IOTN assessment
- A PAR assessment.
- Reflective practice
- A record of CPD and a PDP relating to orthodontic nursing.

Practical experience to complete the Record of Competence is achieved in your workplace with the help of your Supervising Mentor.

Supervising Mentor
You will require a Supervising Mentor in the workplace who will provide full practical support, supervision and advise alongside assisting you to complete ALL the requirements of the Record of Competence.
Workplace Witnesses (which can include DCPs with an Orthodontic certificate) can also witness your skills and complete log sheets in your Record of Competence.
Both Mentor and witnesses MUST be GDC registered or registered with a recognised professional body.

Written Examination
In addition to completing the Record of Competence to the required standard, candidates undertake the NEBDN written examination to assess underpinning knowledge and understanding.

The 90 minute examination consists of:
- 45 Multiple choice questions (MCQ)
- 30 Extended matching questions (EMQ).

The cost of the course is to be confirmed but this will include the exam fee and the NEBDN Record of Competence. (The cost will rise if the exam fees increase).

An application form is required before candidates can be placed on our list for the next course.

This course and fees are subject to change