NEBDN POST REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE COURSE

NEBDN Certificate in Special Care Dental Nursing

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

As well as attending compulsory study sessions online (approx. 2 per month), dental nurses will need to complete an electronic Record of Competence (RoC) before being entered for the NEBDN examination.

The Record of Competence will include the following:

➢ **Part A: Practical Competence Assessment Sheets (PACS)**
  These provide evidence of the candidate’s involvement in the oral health care of 20 patients who need special care dentistry, to include:
  - 2 people with a learning disability
  - 2 people with a physical impairment
  - 2 people with conditions that develop in childhood
    (eg fragile x syndrome, cerebral palsy, downs syndrome)
  - 2 people with a disability that develop in adults
    (eg musculoskeletal conditions, neurological conditions)
  - 2 people with mental illness
    (eg depression, anorexia, bipolar disorder)
  - 2 people with medically comprising conditions
    (eg respiratory diseases, diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular diseases)
  - 2 people in the older adult/aging population
    (eg Parkinson disease, dementia in its various forms)
  - 2 people with special care dental treatment under domiciliary care or conscious sedation or general anaesthesia
  - 4 people who require special care dentistry.

➢ **Part B: 1 Expanded Case Study** of between 1500-2000 words.

➢ **Part C: Directly Observed Clinical Skills Assessments (DOCS)**
  Candidates must be observed completing each of the clinical skills by a registered witness with suitable qualifications and expertise to observe each assessment.
  - Leading a team in moving and handling of a person between a wheelchair and the dental chair using any safe supportive technique.
  - Participating in a simulated medical emergency scenario as part of the team in a clinical environment.
  - Giving oral health advice to a person who needs extra support during self-care OR to the carer of a person who needs extra support during self-care.
• Giving oral health advice to a person who uses alternative methods of communication OR who requires modification of their oral health regime or equipment because of their special care needs.

➢ **Part D: Supplementary Outcomes**
Candidate must complete these to a satisfactory standard to demonstrate knowledge understanding of other aspects of special care dental nursing.

• Completion of a risk assessment for clinical manual handling
• Completion of a risk assessment for a domiciliary visit
• Exercise in Reflective Practice
• Exercise in Researching Oral Health Products
• A witnessed copy of a current certificate in Basic Life support including Automated External Defibrillation
• A witnessed copy of current certificate in clinical moving and handling
• A record of CPD and a PDP relating to special care dental nursing.

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

**Mentor**
You will require a Mentor in the workplace who will provide full practical support, supervision and advise alongside assisting the candidate to complete ALL the requirements of the electronic NEBDN Record of Competence.

**Witnesses**
Workplace Witnesses (which can include DCPs with a Special Care certificate) can also witness skills and complete the electronic log sheets in the Record of Competence.

Both Mentor and Witnesses MUST be GDC registered or registered with a recognised professional body.

**Examination**
In addition to completing the NEBDN electronic Record of Competence to the required standard, candidates undertake the NEBDN examination to assess underpinning knowledge and understanding of special care dental nursing. These exams are online at present.

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 electronic 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**