



Certificate in

# Orthodontic Nursing



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Examining  
Board for  
Dental Nurses.

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# FAQs

**Q: What is the Orthodontic course?**

**A:** It's a work-based learning program combining on-the-job training with classroom learning, equipping you with the skills and knowledge to become a qualified orthodontic nurse.

**Q: What level qualification is it equivalent to?**

**A:** It's equivalent to an NVQ Level 4.

**Q: What are my career prospects after the apprenticeship?**

**A:** You can progress to Orthodontic Therapy.

**Q: Do I need a work placement?**

**A:** The course requires a record of competence. You must be working in an orthodontic practice to achieve this.

**Q: Is there a final exam?**

**A:** Yes, Exams are held March and September every year. It is a 90-minute written paper.

**Q: What happens if I fail the exam?**

**A:** Firstly, do not panic. Support will be on hand to talk through your options. As the exam is held twice a year, an option will be available to reseat.

**Q: What further role could I study once I have gained the orthodontic nursing certificate?**

**A:** Orthodontic therapy is becoming very popular with orthodontic nurses. Most course providers will only short list candidates who have achieved the orthodontic nursing qualification. Orthodontic nursing is a valuable stepping stone to orthodontic therapy.

**Q: How do I apply?**

**A:** To secure a place on the course and start learning you need to:

1. Sign up online.
2. Provide the necessary documents.
3. Make a payment.

# About the course

The certificate in orthodontic nursing is a post registration qualification awarded by the national examination board for dental nurses NEBDN.

The course is aimed at registered dental nurses who work in an orthodontic practice. The course will further the knowledge of the nurse, as well as delivering structured experience relevant to their daily role.

We are not just providing the knowledge and experience to pass the course; we aim to produce well rounded orthodontic nurses who are surgery ready.

**Awarding body:** NEBDN

**Duration:** 12 months

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## Study method

Our course is delivered via live training webinars with a specialist orthodontic tutor. Lessons are weekly. 1.5 hours on a Tuesday evening for six months.

The remaining six months allows for completion of the ROC. Continuing support will be given by the tutor during this time.

## Learner Eligibility

- Dental nurse
- GDC registration
- Up to date CPD and PDP
- Clinical supervisor
- Adequate patient access for ROC completion





# How is the course delivered?

Similar to the classroom activities that your tutor designs to develop and support learning, we have included guided learning tasks to increase our students understanding and knowledge.

The online learning experience provided by cavity training of dental nurses includes a combination of materials and learning resources to guide and support students as independent online learners. These include:

- Live training webinars
- Exclusive, unique animations
- Suggested reading materials.
- Key documents.
- Guided learning tasks
- Progress assessment

All these learning resources are available for our students to study at the time that best suits them as supported independent learners.

In order to provide additional support, we also provide online forums where learners can talk to teaching staff and other students. The tutor will give support throughout their work for the record of competence.





# Qualification Details

## How to study this course

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and understanding of orthodontic nursing which will allow them to succeed in the exam.

The course takes place over 12 months of guided learning requiring approximately 2 hours of study per week in the first six months. The following six months is allocated for the completion of the record of competence.

## Additional learning needs

As this is an online course, the learner can readily adapt materials to support individual additional learning needs. The use of a computer is essential to attend classes. We provide transcript and PDF's of all video materials as well as pastoral advice.

## Examination

There is a 90-minute written exam composing of two sections.

- Part A 45-minute multiple choice questions (MCQ)
- Part B 30-minute extended matching questions. (EMQ)

Exams are held twice a year in March and September.

## Record of competence

To achieve a certificate in orthodontic nursing, students are required to complete a workplace record of competence. There are 4 sections:

1. Practical competence assessment sheets (PCAS)
2. Supplementary outcomes
3. Case studies
4. Directly observed clinical skills assessment (DOCS)

