

Course Information

This course is designed for dental nurses who are required to x-ray patients under the direction of the dentist. The need for this arises from the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2000 (IR(ME) R) 2000. This legislation requires all operators who are directly involved in x-raying patients to be adequately trained. The course will provide you with the NEBDN (National Examining Board for Dental Nurses) Certificate in Dental Radiography if successful.

Entry Requirements

The students should be Dental Nurses working in an environment which would allow them to x-ray patients under the direct supervision of a dentist. The agreement and co-operation of a supervising dentist is essential.

In order to qualify for entry to the examination the dental nurse must be qualified as a Dental Nurse with one of the following:

- National Certificate of Dental Nursing
- NVQ Level 3 in Oral Healthcare/Dental Nursing, and also:
- Registered with the General Dental Council

Structure of the course

The course is delivered over 20 weeks and will provide you with a series of formal lessons to provide the theoretical and practical content of the syllabus.

The workplace Record of Experience obtained from the NEBDN is to be completed by the student and validated by the supervising dentist before sitting the final examination.

Record of experience

Part A

The dental nurse must complete log sheets to provide evidence of their competence in the taking of a minimum of 50 radiographs to include:

- At least ten dental panoramic
- Ten pairs of bitewing radiographs
- Paralleling technique periapical radiographs

The remainder will be largely dependent upon the practice but should include a minimum of two of each of the following:

- Bisected angle technique periapicals
- Occlusal views
- Cephalometric lateral skull views

Part B

Three case studies of 1000 words each

- One expanded case study relating to the taking of a dental panoramic
- One expanded case study relating to the taking of a bitewing radiograph
- One expanded case study relating to the taking of a paralleling technique periapical radiograph

Part C

Written exercise in the taking and processing of oblique lateral radiographs.

The record of experience must be completed and validated by your supervising dentist. The record of experience must be completed and returned to the course tutor to be checked before being sent to the NEBDN in April for the June exam or October for the December exam.

Venue

Newly refurbished training room with space for up to 15 students and free parking.

Queensway Dental Clinic

170 Queensway

Billingham TS23 2NT

Start date

December and June

Course fees

£500 (cheques payable to Queensway Dental Clinic)

Tutor

Colette Meek

National Certificate in Dental Nursing

Certificate in Dental Sedation

Certificate in Oral Health Education

Certificate in Dental Radiography

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Examination format

Students must obtain a record of experience from the National Exam Board for Dental Nurses which will cost £10. The record of experience must be applied for via your tutor at the training centre before starting the course.

The examination takes place on the first Saturday of June and December each year at centres in selected major towns and cities throughout the UK. It consists of a negatively-marked multiple choice question paper which candidates are allowed one hour to complete.

Exam entry costs £175.

The Certificate in Dental Radiography syllabus can be downloaded from www.nebdn.co.uk under 'post qualifications'.

Pass

In order to be awarded the Certificate in Dental Radiography, a candidate must:

Complete the Record of Experience to meet the national standard
Achieve a pass standard in the examination

If you would like a place reserved on the next course please contact
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