



Oral Health Practitioner Apprenticeship

Health Education England, Yorkshire & the Humber are delighted to be working in collaboration with Leeds Dental Institute to bring you the Oral Health Practitioner Apprenticeship

Overview

The Oral Health Practitioner is a higher apprenticeship that awards a level 4 qualification when completed. It runs for 14 months and involves an End-Point assessment.

Oral Health Practitioners are responsible for preventative oral health procedures which involve working in a patient's mouth. The role is below a dental hygienist, therapist, or dentist but is higher than a dental nurse.

During the apprenticeship you will learn how to measure and record plaque indices, apply fluoride varnish, take clinical photographs, take impressions and carry out toothbrushing to the prescription of a dentist. You learn about health screening; undertaking diabetes and blood pressure checks; provide oral and general systemic health advice for smoking cessation and diet.

A significant part of the role is community based, in early years centres, primary schools, care homes, health centres, dental practices and others.

To become an Oral Health Practitioner, you must already be a dental nurse or another appropriate dental care professional.

If you'd like to find out more, please join one of the free, small group information sessions.

These can be accessed through Maxcourse

<https://www.maxcourse.co.uk/YHPD/guestHome.asp>

Tuesday 15th February
Wednesday 16th February
Tuesday 1st March
Wednesday 2nd March
Wednesday 9th March
Thursday 10th March
All Sessions: 1pm – 1.30pm

Apprenticeships

Applicants require a minimum level 2 (GCSE or Functional Skills) in Maths and English.

A percentage of the overall cost is paid through Government funding. The employer contribution is currently £450 per dental nurse for non Levy paying organisations.

Off the job training is a vital component of all apprenticeships. Learners are required to spend 20% of their time developing new knowledge, new skills, and behaviours.

As a guide, 'off the job training' for a dental nurse working over 30 hours a week would be approximately 1 day a week away from their 'regular working duties'. This can include:

- ✓ attending college
- ✓ completing a portfolio or written work
- ✓ shadowing others e.g. working with a Hy/Th observing plaque indices
- ✓ being mentored by a senior colleague

HEE are delighted to support this apprenticeship and are offering incentives to organisations to ensure full attendance, and compliance with 'off the job' training.