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 days (1 per month) candidates will need to complete a 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 involvement in the care of at least 20 separate patients who need special care dentistry.
  These will include at least 2 different types of patients from each of the groups below:
  - Learning disabilities
  - Physical difficulties
  - Conditions that develop in childhood
  - Disability in adults
  - Mental health impairments
  - Medically comprising conditions
  - The older adult
  - Domiciliary care or conscious sedation or general anaesthesia

- **Part B: 2 Expanded Case Studies** of between 1200-1500 words each from 2 of the different ‘groups’ in Part A.

- **Part C: Directly Observed Clinical Skills Assessments**
  These will demonstrate competency in a number of clinical skills and are observed by a suitably qualified witness with expertise in the skill and are registered with a recognised professional body.
  - 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 the carer of a person who needs extra support during self-care.
  - Giving oral health advice to a person who uses alternative methods or communication or who requires modification of their oral health regimen or equipment because of special care needs.
Part D: Supplementary Outcomes
These demonstrate knowledge and understanding of different areas of the syllabus. This currently includes:
- Completion of a risk assessment for clinical manual handling
- Completion of a risk assessment of a domiciliary visit
- Advantages and disadvantages of treatment in a mobile dental unit
- List equipment required for a domiciliary visit to extract an upper molar tooth
- Witnessed copy of a current Basic Life support including Automated External Defibrillation
- A witnessed copy of current certificate in clinical moving and handling
- Evidence of professional development relating to special care dentistry.

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

Supervising Dentist/Mentor
You will require a Supervising Dentist/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.

Work place Witnesses (which can include DCPs with a Special Care 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, candidates are required to 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 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