

School of Health and Human Sciences HS745 Dental Hygienist Adaptation Module

Introduction

Dental Hygienist Adaptation Module is suitable if you are a dental hygienist with an existing qualification from another country who has undertaken the GDC Dental Care Professional assessment of your existing qualification. It will help achieve the GDC required learning outcomes for registration as a Hygienist in the UK. If you are a UK Hygienist returning to practice, the *Dental Hygienist Adaptation Module* is an ideal refresher course that can offer you required CPD hours for re-registration with the GDC.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this module you will be able:

- to critically reflect upon own strengths & weaknesses
- to select appropriate methods to address and evidence professional development to meet the required GDC learning outcomes
- to have a critical understanding of current UK policy in relation to dental hygiene practice

Module outline

As part of this module you will cover the following topics: History taking, Interpretation of medical and social history, Examination and charting, Preventative care, Smoking cessation, Inferior Dental Block, Local Infiltration Analgesia, Using dental biomaterials, Anti-microbial therapy, Scaling and root surface debridement, Fissure Sealants, Restorative dentistry, Dental Impressions.

The module will combine a number of different teaching approaches. There will be skills-focussed practical sessions, including the use of simulated practice using the dental skills lab. Clinical and reflective log analysis will provide authentic examples to relate theory and practice. In addition, lectures will introduce key concepts. Individual tutorials, as negotiated between student and academic supervisors and experiential learning in practice-based placements with experienced clinical educators, will further enhance teaching and learning. This module is a CPD standalone module which is not available as a BSc Healthcare pathway option.

Assessment strategy

Summative: The assessment for the module consists of a portfolio to include:

- an individualised learning contract
- work based placement summative assessment of each relevant GDC competence using Direct Observation of Performance (DOP) and Case Based Discussion (CbD) summative assessment techniques undertaken by the Clinical Educator. Using the evidence provided by DOP and CbD, a summative assessment form will be completed by the clinical educator in each competency area to indicate whether a pass has been achieved
- 25 x Clinical Logs and 3 x Reflective Logs (per three months of supervised clinical practice) to provide supplementary evidence of underpinning knowledge.

Formative: Clinical Educator will review initial reflective log to feed into production of learning contract and first CbD

Price of module

This 30 credit module is delivered at the University of Essex, Southend Campus. The cost of this specialist module is dependent on the length of the supervised practice element of this module, agreed in advance of undertaking the programme with each individual student. This may be from 3 months duration up to 12 months duration, and ordinarily is dependent on the duration of supervised practice specified by the GDC in the Dental Care Professional's assessment of each student's existing hygienist qualification. The fee for the module will vary dependant on the agreed duration of supervised practice.

Programme Fees:

3 months programme £3750, 6 months programme £4995, 9 months programme £6240, 12 months programme £7485

If a student is unable to satisfactorily demonstrate any of the required competencies during their set period of supervised practice, they will be offered a further 3 month period of supervised practice in work based placement in order to and during which they will be required to demonstrate competency in any failed area. Where this is the case a student will be required to pay an additional fee to cover the additional cost of a further 3 month placement.

Module pre-requisites

The ideal candidate will:

- possess an existing dental hygiene qualification from country outside UK
- have undertaken GDC Dental Care Professional assessment and following this possess documented GDC learning outcome requirements, satisfactory completion of which will allow registration with the GDC as Dental Hygienist
- evidence of English language competence (minimum IELTS 6.5)
- enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) Clearance

NB: If you are a UK Dental Hygienist looking to return to practice, please contact us directly for details.

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