

Spotlight on dental nurses

Below is a listing of post-qualification courses for dental nurses supplied by the British Association for Dental Nurses (BADN) and the National Examining Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN). Though this is not fully comprehensive it does include useful ideas and leads.

Course details supplied by BADN

NVQ Assessor award, Leeds

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July 2004

Certificate in Oral Health Education, Sunderland

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September 2004 - March 2005

Certificate in Dental Nurse Sedation, Sunderland

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Certificate in Oral Health Education, Leeds

Certificate in Conscious Sedation, Leeds

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Certificate in Special Care Dental Nursing, Leeds

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Certificate in Orthodontic Dental Nursing, Leeds

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Course details supplied by NEBDN

The **National Examining Board for Dental Nurses** provides four post-certification awards that are available to qualified dental nurses who are on the current Voluntary National Register of Dental Nurses.

Certificate in Oral Health Education

The examination tests the practical skills and the theoretical knowledge necessary for the provision of oral health education in dental practice in a one to one situation or in small groups. It consists of a workplace assignment, a project, written papers and an oral examination.

Certificate in Dental Sedation Nursing

This qualification is only suitable for candidates required to assist in the surgery during routine conscious sedation on a regular basis, as the completion of a Portfolio of Experience, including logsheets, is a requirement for the award. Theoretical knowledge and practical skills are also assessed through written papers and a practical/oral examination.

The examinations for the above awards are held on the 3rd Saturdays in March and September each year. Attendance on a training course is not obligatory but is recommended.

Certificate in Special Care Dental Nursing

This qualification is suitable for dental nurses who assist during the treatment of people whose health and social care needs may require special oral health provision.

Certificate in Orthodontic Nursing

This is a qualification suitable for dental nurses who assist in orthodontic procedures.

These two awards are available only through NEBDN approved training centres. Underpinning knowledge and understanding are then assessed through written papers available in June and December each year.

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Book review

Advanced Dental Nursing, Robert Ireland (ed), Blackwell Munksgaard 2004
price £29.50 ISBN 1405109238

This long-awaited textbook has been written by a team of authors with special interests and expert knowledge in their chosen fields. This is reflected in the depth and relevance of information presented.

It is divided into six chapters which

include subjects allied to the NEBDN post-certificate courses - oral health education, special care, sedation and orthodontics. In addition to this there are also chapters on career development pathways and the future for dental nursing.

All of these are subjects which have long suffered from a lack of relevant text books. This book more than adequately fills the

gap and presents many ideas for further study. Each chapter is clearly presented with its own contents page and includes recommended tasks to help the reader apply the information in a practical setting.

Overall, this is an excellent addition to the dental nurses' library.

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