

ATTENTION! Calling all Dental Nurses

Do you have an interest in oral health prevention and wish to develop your skills?

Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex (HEKSS) *

Application of Fluoride Varnish Scope of Practice Course For registered Dental Nurses

2015

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What does the course involve?

Day 1: Access to Scope of Practice Module

Day 1 is designed to ensure that Registered Dental Nurses have the necessary underpinning knowledge and skills to undertake training in the following areas.

- Topical Fluoride for both children and adults – **your chosen pathway**
- Clinical Photography
- Plaque and Debris scoring
- Impression Taking
- Removing sutures

Days 2 & 3: Knowledge & Practical Skills

Days 2 and 3 are designed to provide the knowledge and practical skills required in association with delivering better oral health and the application of Fluoride varnish, for children and the elderly in a variety of settings.

Day 4: Assessment

Day 4 will consist of practical (Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)) and written assessments. You will also be required to complete a Practical Logbook which will be completed following Day 3 and submitted by no later than Day 4 of the training programme.

What is the course aim?

To provide registered Dental Nurses with the knowledge and additional skills necessary to safely apply fluoride varnish in a community or dental practice based setting as a caries control measure, in accordance with the GDC Scope of Practice document, DBOH and NHS PCC guidance.

What are the course learning outcomes?

- State the roles and responsibilities of the EDDN as outlined in the GDC Scope of Practice Document (2013)
- State the responsibilities of the Extended Duties Dental Nurse as defined in the General Dental Council document Standards for the Dental Team (2013)
- Take account of the needs of different patient groups, including children, adults, older people and those with special care requirements
- Demonstrate the ability to assess patients levels of anxiety, experience and expectations in relation to the procedures being undertaken
- Explain the potential routes of transmission of infectious agents for the prevention of infection and outline the scientific principles of decontamination and disinfection relative to the procedures undertaken by the Extended Duties Dental Nurse
- Obtain, record and interpret a comprehensive medical history relative to the procedures undertaken by the EDDN
- Identify, assess and manage medical emergencies
- Explain the importance of and maintain accurate contemporaneous and comprehensive patient records in accordance with legal and statutory requirements and best practice
- Demonstrate the ability, if required, to make the appropriate referrals to other dental health professionals.
- Outline the caries process, including the importance of OHI and Dietary Advice.
- State the context in which fluoride varnish may be used as a caries control measure as outlined in the Department of Health document “Delivering Better Oral Health” directly linked to it being carried out in the dental practice setting
- State the limitations to its use, and contraindications that may prevent its use. including identification of common soft tissue
- Demonstrate an understanding of the environmental conditions in which fluoride varnish is best applied and the equipment necessary to support its application
- Demonstrate use of a mouth mirror, patient/operator ergonomics, health and safety and infection control relating to the procedure

Where is the course located?

Course Location:

Postgraduate Education Centre
East Surrey Hospital
Canada Avenue
Redhill
RH1 5RH

What are the course dates for 2014?

The classroom sessions will be held on:

Day 1: Wednesday 15th April 2015
Day 2: Wednesday 22nd April 2015
Day 3: Wednesday 29th April 2015
Day 4: Wednesday 22nd July 2015

What are the start and finish times of the classroom sessions?

09:30am – 16:30pm (Day 1 and 2)
13:00pm – 16:30pm (Day 3 and 4)

Will I need to attend all the course dates as specified above?

Yes, all classroom sessions are *mandatory* as part of your training programme.

What are the entry requirements?

- Dental Nurse GDC registration
- Suitable professional indemnity
- Evidence of recent Infection Control & Medical Emergency training CPD (last 12 months)
- Evidence of safeguarding
- DBS/CRB confirmation
- Written consent from a GDC registered dentist willing to supervise you through the Scope of Practice programme
- Access to a computer and the Internet

Will HEKSS require sight of the documents relating to the entry requirements?

Yes, copies of the relevant documents will be required at the time of completing your application form.

Will I be required to wear clinical dress in the clinical facility?

Although clinical dress is not required as personal protective equipment will be supplied for use in the clinical skills facility, therefore, please bring a change of shoes which will be suitable to wear in the clinical facility. Outdoor shoes will not be allowed.

What is the assessment process?

Following the classroom sessions, you will be required to complete a Logbook of competence in relation to the application of Fluoride varnish in your own working environment, for 10 patients.

You will also be required to complete an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) and a short written examination.

How long will I have to complete the Logbook of competence?

You will have three months to complete this in your workplace.

How long is the Logbook of competence valid for?

18 months.

Will I be monitored in my workplace?

Yes, a GDC registered dentist will be required to monitor and support you through your practical training in the workplace (Logbook of competence). Evidence of this will be required upon application.

Will I receive a certificate?

Yes, this will be issued on the successful completion of all elements of this course in relation to the assessment process (as previously described) and completion of the underpinning knowledge through the mandatory attendance of the classroom sessions

What does it cost?

Full course cost is £225.00 (non-refundable), cheques are to be made payable to **HEALTH EDUCATION ENGLAND**.

Payment Instalments

Payment 1 (£75.00) – 25th February 2015 (with application)

Payment 2 (£150.00) – 01st April 2015

What do I do next?

To book a place on the course, please login or register with the Dental Education Booking System (DEBS) at www.kssdentaltraining.co.uk, **Course id: 1478**.

Please return the invoice booking form, completed application form, supporting documents and cheque for £75.00 to DCP Workforce Transformation Officer, Dental Department, HEKSS, 7 Bermondsey Street, London, SE1 2DD **by 25th February 2015, 5pm**.

Your place is not confirmed until you have received a confirmation email verifying receipt of your invoice booking form, completed application form and payment.

Please note: The course will only be run subject to minimum numbers being fulfilled.

Why study with Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex?

The HEKSS is responsible for the delivery of postgraduate education training for all members of the dental team working within the NHS in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. We strive to enhance the quality of patient treatment and patient experiences by providing supportive, quality assured education and development for YOU, **why not continue your CPD with us today?**

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