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Dental Science



Subject Area	Dentistry
Course Type	School Leavers
Study Level	Level 1
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2025
Course Code	PA000777





Course Summary

This course teaches you the basics of how to look after teeth and understand dental health. It's a great place to start if you want to work in dental care or learn more about teeth. You'll learn about the parts of the mouth, how to keep teeth clean, and how to care for them. You will also learn how to help people take care of their teeth. This course will give you hands-on practice with real dental care skills. You'll also learn about the rules dentists must follow and how to behave responsibly in a dental job.

What You Will Learn

- **Teeth and Mouth Basics:** Learn the names of different parts of the mouth and how to clean teeth properly.
- Why Dental Health Matters: Find out why looking after your teeth is important.
- **Practice Skills:** Try out basic dental care tasks and learn how to talk to patients.
- How Dental Clinics Work: Learn what happens in a dental office and how everything is organised.
- Doing the Right Thing: Learn the rules and the right way to act in dental jobs.

Modules

Essential Unit: Developing a Personal Progression Plan: This unit helps you plan and develop your personal and professional goals in the dental industry.

Optional Units (Choose one)

- Testing the Quality of Products: Learn how to test and ensure the quality of dental products.
- Carrying Out a Scientific Experiment: Gain experience in conducting scientific experiments related to dental science.
- Making a Chemical Product: Understand the process of creating dental care products.
- Testing the Properties of Products: Learn how to test the properties of dental materials.
- Exploring Biology: Gain a deeper understanding of biological concepts relevant to dental science.

Work Experience

You will complete 30 hours of relevant work experience. This includes working with the National Citizens Service (NCS) programme, which helps you develop key employment skills and behaviours needed for progression to work. This experience is valuable for gaining practical insights and improving your employability in the dental sector.

Progression

Completing the Level 1 Dental Science course can lead to various career opportunities in the dental industry. This course can be the starting point for a career in dental science, such as:

- Dental Assistant: Assisting dentists in patient care and dental procedures.
- Dental Hygienist: Providing preventive dental care and oral hygiene education.
- Other Dental-Related Careers: Opportunities in dental administration, dental technology, and more.

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