

The School for Dental Care Professionals Careers in Dentistry.

Kareline Bull
Dental Education Manager

School for Dental Care Professionals
3rd Floor
University Dental Hospital of Manchester
Higher Cambridge Street
Manchester
M15 6FH

Telephone External: 0161 272 5671 Email: Kareline.Bull2@mft.nhs.uk

The School for Dental Care Professionals

The school

- have supported countless professionals to step onto the dental career pathway and advance their careers.
- has a team of dedicated GDC registered professionals with a wide range of expertise, providing the highest standards of education and training.
- offer a wide range of dental programmes, from apprenticeships for pre and post dental nurse training, dental care professionals and CPD events.
- over the years, have adapted the educational delivery due to changes in the qualification, funding streams and quality assurance requirements.
- work in collaboration with Primary Care Dental Practices and Secondary Care Services to recruit, train and deliver educational programmes to establish the workforce of the future.
- ensures that all our learners are supported, giving them the opportunity to gain knowledge, equip them with the skills and expertise they require to be successful dental care professionals.



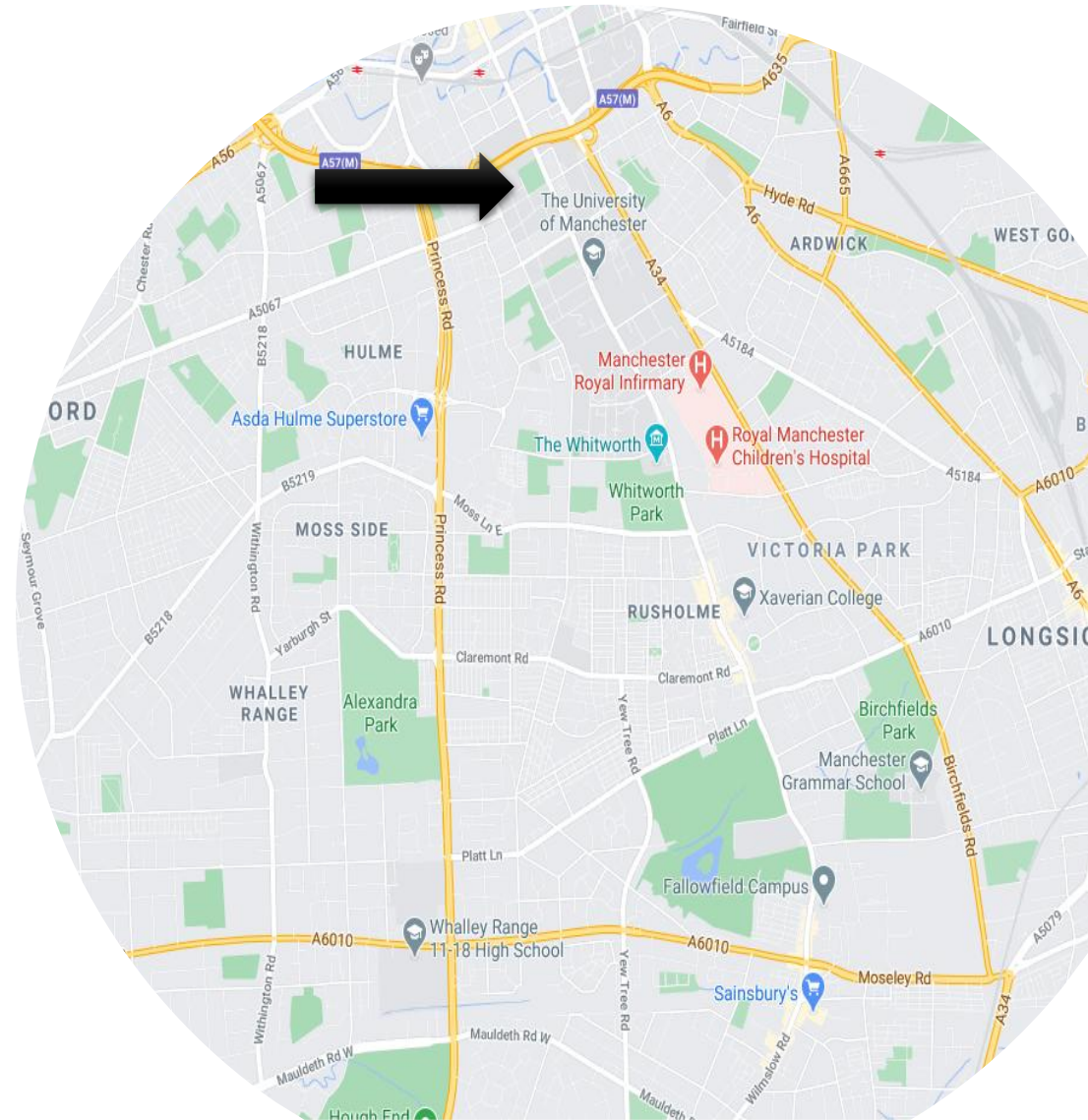
Location

The school is in the  of the Manchester University campus.

The **School** is located on the 3rd Floor
University Dental Hospital of Manchester
Higher Cambridge Street
Manchester University Foundation Trust
M15 6FH

We also deliver some of our programmes at the
NHS England Altrincham Training Hub
 Altrincham Health and Wellbeing Centre
 33 Market Street
 Altrincham
 WA14 1RZ

Both facilities have access to various transport links



Vision and Mission statement of the School

- **Vision Statement:**

“We are a centre of excellence that delivers high-quality learning opportunities that support the personal and professional development of individuals passionate about launching and progressing their dental careers”.

- **Mission statement:**

“To be a leading and recognised dental education provider who deliver consistently high-quality education, training and positive experiences. We ensure that all colleagues are supported and equipped with the knowledge, skills and behaviours to reach their full potential, to succeed and thrive in their personal and professional development”.

Careers in dentistry

- Dental Nurse.
- Orthodontic Therapist.
- Dental Hygiene/Therapy.
- Dental Technician/Clinical Dental Technician.
- Dentist.



**CAREERS IN
DENTISTRY**

Dental Nurse

The role of a dental nurse is to

- work alongside the dental team, assist support with routine examinations to advanced specialist treatments.
- prepare equipment, mix materials and carry out 4 handed procedures.
- monitor, communicate and reassure the patient.
- maintain standards of infection control.
- adhere to relevant policies and procedures.
- carry out administrative duties, maintaining accurate and confidential records.
- and many more duties....

Once qualified and registered with the GDC the QDN can enhance their skills and knowledge further, e.g., Practice Management, specialist roles.



Training pathways to becoming a qualified dental nurse

Dental Nurse (GDC 2023) Apprenticeship Standard.	The City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing.
Entry requirements (under 19 will require evidence of Maths & English certs GCSE Grade 4 or above, if they do not possess, they will be supported to achieve, 19+ will be exempt from Maths & English).	Entry requirements (able to read, write and speak English).
Employed in Primary/Secondary Dental Care. We can support with locating a workplace employer in Primary Dental Care (dental practice in the high street). MFT/UDHM, Secondary Dental Care, recruit a cohort every 18 months.	Employed in a dental clinical setting for a minimum of 3 days per week/minimum of 22.5 hours per week, this does not include the study session. We can support with locating a workplace employer in Primary Dental Care (dental practice in the high street).
Paid an apprenticeship salary or minimum wage, minimum of 30 hours per week, maximum 40 hours per week.	Paid minimum wage/or more (according to individuals age). Cannot be paid an apprenticeship wage as this is a diploma qualification only. Do not have to be paid when attending the educational study day of the programme.
Academic component of the programme is completed by attending a study day for 1 day per week, delivered by the school, attendance is 9.30am to 4.30pm (this will equate to 20% off the working week). The school delivers the programme via a blended learning approach – a combination of face to face and MS Teams.	Academic component of the programme is completed by attending a study day for ½ day per week, delivered by the school, attendance is 9.30am to 12.30pm. The school delivers the programme via a blended learning approach – a combination of face to face and MS Teams.
Fully supported by Assessor/Mentor and Dental Nurse Tutor from the school who are all occupationally competent, have a wide range of experience in the profession, GDC registrants and committed to the individuals success.	Fully supported by Assessor/Mentor and Dental Nurse Tutor from the school who are all occupationally competent, have a wide range of experience in the profession, GDC registrants and committed to the individuals success.
Fully funded through the Apprenticeship Levy.	Fully funded through NHS England, if the dental practice has an NHS contract and the individual is eligible to access funds (if not the total cost of the course is £1,800).

Other dental care professions & entry requirements

Profession	Entry requirements
Dental Hygiene/Therapy	At least 5 GCSEs at grade 4-7 (A-C), plus two A-levels (or equivalent). Some may also require a BTEC National Diploma or an Access to HE Diploma. Diploma in Dental Hygiene: A two-year full-time course. Diploma in Dental Hygiene & Therapy: A 27-month full-time course. BSc in Oral Health Science: A three-year full-time degree.
Dental Technician/Clinical Dental Technician	Level 3 Extended Diploma: Typically requires 4 GCSEs at grade 4-7(A-C). Foundation Degree: Often requires being employed as a trainee dental technician or apprentice. BSc (Hons) degree in dental technology: where A-levels or equivalent qualifications are usually required.
Dentist	Good academic record - GCSEs, most dental schools require three A-level grades, including Biology and Chemistry. Additionally, applicants may need to take the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). 5-year dental degree, BDS with 1 year of post graduate training.

We work in collaboration with schools & colleges

- Career events
- Work experience

**Careers
Event**



Step into Primary Care Dental Programme

Support the Next Generation of Dental Nurses

Manchester University
NHS Foundation Trust

Department for Work & Pensions

GMPC GREATER MANCHESTER TRAINING HUB

An exciting opportunity to inspire and shape the future dental nurse workforce.

The University Dental Hospital of Manchester (UDHM), School for Dental Care Professionals, in collaboration with the Greater Manchester Training Hub and the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP), is proud to announce the first, **Step into Primary Care Dental programme**. This programme is designed to help individuals who are passionate to begin their careers in dental nursing.

About the Programme

This 6-week programme offers the 16+ delegate a unique combination of:

- 3 weeks of theory and practical skills delivered by the UDHM, School for Dental Care Professionals
- 3 weeks of placement within a Primary Care Dental Practice

How can you support?

We are inviting Primary Care Dental Practices to host a 16+ delegate for a 3-week placement, so they can gain valuable insights into daily practice procedures, teamwork and how effective patient care is delivered.

- All delegates will have completed the necessary preplacement checks
- At the end of the placement, we kindly ask you to offer the delegate an interview
- There is no obligation to employ but a great opportunity to evaluate a potential new team member

Join us today in shaping the future of the dental nursing workforce.

Scan the QR code or click here to register your interest.

To find out more information, please contact us at: jon.hopkins2@nhs.net

gmthub.co.uk
gmtrainhub.co.uk
GMTH@gmfeds.co.uk



Dental Nurse Placement and Apprenticeship

Manchester University
NHS Foundation Trust

Department for Work & Pensions

GMPC GREATER MANCHESTER TRAINING HUB

Are you interested in starting a career in Dental Nursing?

The University Dental Hospital of Manchester (UDHM), School for Dental Care Professionals, in collaboration with the Greater Manchester Training Hub and the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP), is proud to announce the first, **Step into Primary Care Dental programme**. This programme is designed to help individuals who are passionate to begin their careers in dental nursing.

About the Programme

This 6-week programme offers the 16+ delegate a unique combination of:

- 3 weeks of theory and practical skills delivered by the UDHM, School for Dental Care Professionals
- 3 weeks of placement within a Primary Care Dental Practice

Eligibility

- 16+
- Unemployed and not in full time education
- In receipt of a qualifying benefit
- Willing to work
- If successful, willing to complete a 12-18 month Dental Nurse apprenticeship
- All Universal Credit regimes and Legacy benefit customers are eligible, except customers in 'Working Enough' regime, they are **NOT eligible** for FSF support.
- Customers currently taking part in the any DWP contracted provision are also NOT eligible, such as:
 - Work and Health Programme / Pioneer
 - Restart
 - Intensive Personalised Employment Support (IPES)

Programme Benefits

- Valuable workplace insight and experience in a dental environment
- Build skillset and employability
- Placement with a view to an interview
- Pathway to employment and/or apprenticeship options

Training starts on:

Monday, 29 September 2025.

Speak to your work coach to be referred to this opportunity.

gmthub.co.uk
gmtrainhub.co.uk
GMTH@gmfeds.co.uk





**For More
Information**

Please contact:

Brenda Cousins, Dental Liaison Officer

Telephone: 0161 272 5670

Email: Brenda.cousins@mft.nhs.uk or one of the team at admin.dcp@mft.nhs.uk

Check us out:

Website

[The School for Dental Care Professionals - University Dental Hospital of Manchester](#)

Facebook

[The Central Manchester School for Dental Care Professionals | Facebook](#)

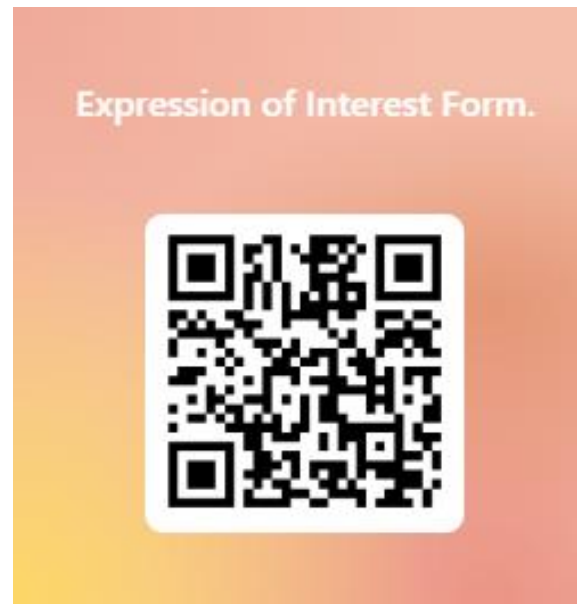
Instagram

[The Central Manchester School For Dental Care Professionals \(@mcrschooldcp\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

*E*xpression
*O*f
*I*nterest

Access the link or QR code to record your Expression of Interest and a member of the team will be in touch.

<https://forms.office.com/e/85ZKreJib3>



THANK YOU!