

Dental Core Training - DCT1

ENTRY CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA	WHEN EVALUATED ⁱ
<p style="text-align: center;">Qualifications</p> <p>Applicants must have a BDS or equivalent dental qualification</p>	Application form
<p style="text-align: center;">Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be registered with GDC by time of commencementⁱⁱ • Applicants must be eligible to work in the UK • Applicants must have evidence of: • Current employment in a UK Dental Foundation programme or exemptionⁱⁱⁱ at time of application <p style="text-align: center;">And/Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Completion of Dental Foundation training by time of post commencement <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be eligible for registration with the GDC and GMC and have completed Medical Foundation (F1 & F2) competencies by the intended start date^{iv} <p>If an Overseas Dental School Graduate (non-UK/EEA) and Dental Foundation Training not completed in the UK, applicants must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Certificate of Performer List Validation by Experience (PLVE) signed by the Postgraduate Dental Dean from the area in which equivalence was obtained <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Certificate of Basic Professional Capabilities^v signed by an authorised signatory • Applicants must have at least 12 months postgraduate clinical experience^{vi} • Applicants must be eligible for Dental Performer List in England or Dental list in Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland for posts based wholly or partly in Primary Care^{vii} • Applicants must provide evidence of ability to arrange transport to meet the requirements of the post^{viii} 	Application form, Selection centre ^{ix}
<p style="text-align: center;">Fitness to practise</p> <p>Is up to date and fit to practise safely and is aware of own training needs.</p>	Application form, references
<p style="text-align: center;">Language skills^x</p> <p>Applicants must have demonstrable skills in written and spoken English, adequate to enable effective communication about medical topics with patients and colleagues, as assessed by the General Dental Council.</p>	Application form, Selection centre
<p style="text-align: center;">Health</p> <p>Applicants must meet professional health requirements (in line with GDC standards).</p>	Application form, pre-employment health screening
<p style="text-align: center;">Career progression</p> <p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to provide complete details of their employment history • Have evidence that their career progression is consistent with their personal circumstances • Have evidence that their present level of achievement and performance is commensurate with the totality of their period of training • Not have previously undertaken a Dental Core Training programme or equivalent^{xi}. Please refer to the DCTNRO website for details of how to apply for equivalence 	Application form Selection centre
<p style="text-align: center;">Application completion</p> <p>ALL sections of application form completed FULLY according to written guidelines.</p>	Application form

SELECTION CRITERIA

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<p style="text-align: center;">Clinical skills – clinical knowledge & expertise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity to apply sound clinical knowledge and awareness to full investigation of problems • Capable of conducting operative procedures • Experience of clinical governance including clinical audit or significant event analysis • Understand the principles and relevance of clinical research 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthusiasm for participation in research <p>Application form, Selection centre, References</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Personal skills</p> <p>Communication skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective oral and written communication skills • Capacity to adjust behaviour and language as appropriate to needs of differing situations <p>Conceptual thinking and problem solving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity to think beyond the obvious, with analytical and flexible mind <p>Empathy and sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity and motivation to take in others' perspectives and to treat others with understanding • Demonstrates an understanding of a patient centred approach <p>Teamwork and Leadership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity to work effectively in partnership with others as part of a multi-disciplinary team • Evidence of leadership <p>Organisation and planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates effective organisational skills, including ability to plan and prioritise own workload to meet deadlines <p>IT skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good use of IT systems and packages <p>Coping with pressure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity to know own limitations and be prepared to seek advice • Potential to cope with stressful situations and undertake responsibility <p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands respects and demonstrates the following values: everyone counts; improving lives; commitment to quality of care; respect and dignity; working together for patients; compassion. 		<p>Application form Selection centre References</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Probity – professional integrity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity to take responsibility for own actions • Demonstrate respect for all • Able to demonstrate professional attitude 		<p>Application form, Selection centre, references</p>

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Commitment to learning and personal development		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to prospective training post and demonstrates insight into the structure and benefits of Dental Core Training. • Capacity and motivation to learn from experience and constantly update skills/knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear desire to pursue postgraduate qualifications • Evidence of teaching experience • Enthusiasm for teaching; exposure to different groups/teaching methods • Publications • Presentations 	<p>Application form Selection centre References</p>

ⁱ 'When evaluated' is indicative, but may be carried out at any time throughout the selection process.

ⁱⁱ Refers to the date at which the post commences.

ⁱⁱⁱ Applicants with dual qualification in medicine and dentistry would not be required to undertake Dental Foundation Training for posts based solely in secondary care and which do not require eligibility to join the Dental Performer List. EEA Dental School graduates (excluding UK) are exempt from requirement for completion of Dental Foundation training and no evidence is required.

^{iv} This applies to medical graduates.

^v Please refer to [DCTNRO](#) website for a copy of the form and instructions for completion. This must be uploaded with your application.

^{vi} Any clinical experience (or training in dental public health, oral pathology etc) by time of post commencement.

^{vii} Essential for all DCT training posts based in Primary Care setting and desirable for all other posts. Not essential for Community Dental Service posts in Northern Ireland or Wales.

^{viii} Many DCT posts require the post holder to travel between different hospital/clinic sites within a working day. The post description for each post will describe where this is applicable.

^{ix} 'Selection centre' refers to a process, not a place. It involves a number of selection activities which may be delivered within the unit of application.

^x The language skills requirements for DCT recruitment are based on those required for GDC registration.

^{xi} If you are currently in or have previously undertaken a Dental Core Training year 1 post (or equivalent) but believe there are exceptional circumstances under which your application should be considered, please detail this in the relevant section on your application