



Tooth Fairies

### **Oral Health Education**

The BDA Oral Health Education (OHE) programme is a nationally recognised qualification designed to give qualified dental nurses the knowledge and skills required to deliver high-quality oral health advice and support. On successful completion, nurses will be awarded the BDA Certificate in Oral Health, a qualification approved by the General Dental Council (GDC) and created in collaboration with OHE Southwest.

The course typically runs for 6–9 months depending on the start date. With several intakes throughout the year, learners benefit from flexibility and do not need to wait long before beginning their studies. This structured programme will give you the confidence and authority to provide effective OHE sessions without direct supervision, although these must be delivered under the prescription of a trained GDC registrant. By completing the course, learners will gain valuable professional development that enhances their role within the dental team and strengthens patient care.

### **Practical portfolio Requirements**

- Production of two detailed lesson plans for oral health sessions, based on hypothetical patients we will provide.
- Plan and deliver six oral health sessions to patients referred by your supervising dentist.
- Design, produce, and evaluate an educational display for your workplace or a public setting such as a school, nursery, or nursing home.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

To enrol, applicants must:

- Be a GDC-registered Dental Nurse.
- Have the support of a GDC-registered dentist to act as your workplace mentor
- Have the capacity within your work role to deliver oral health sessions directly to patients

### **Examination information**

The final examination is held online and may be taken from home or the centre. This assessment is 60 minutes in length and takes place on a Saturday. The exam is scheduled two or three times per year in March, September, and November and consists of 30 multiple-choice questions followed by two case study scenarios to test applied knowledge. For the exam you will need a Windows PC or Mac computer with a webcam. The exams cannot be taken on a Chromebook, tablet, or phone.

### **Course Content**

The programme includes 27 BDA online modules, carefully designed to be completed in eight weeks, supported by seven quizzes and a practice test. Once these are completed to the required standard, learners will be fully prepared to work with patients and begin their portfolios.

The portfolio must be completed within four months and submitted three weeks prior to the final exam. All required target dates for online modules and portfolio submissions are clearly set out under your BDA login, helping learners to stay organised and on track.

### **What's Included in the Course Fee?**

- Mandatory lectures accessed via the BDA learning platform.
- Quizzes, mock examinations, and the final BDA assessment.
- Comprehensive access to Dental Nurse Training OHE resources.
- Course textbook provided—Basic Guide to Oral Health Education and Promotion, 3rd Edition, by Alison Chapman and Simon H. Felton
- Ongoing assessor support with regular marking schedules.
- Additional telephone and Microsoft Teams support whenever required.
- Personalised individual learning plans tailored to meet learner needs.
- 40 hours verifiable eCPD on completion of the course.

### **Reserve your place**

Please return your completed application form to reserve your place or contact us for further information.

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