



## CHOOSING A TRAINING PROVIDER

### TOP TIPS FOR STUDENTS

NEBDN accredit a number of Course Providers across the United Kingdom and beyond. The courses the accredited centres provide vary greatly and choosing one to suit you can prove complex. Listed below are some key points to consider when choosing the course provider that is right for you.

#### 1. Which Qualification?

In order to be awarded The NEBDN National Diploma you will be expected to complete a Record of Experience, pass a written examination and pass an objective structured clinical examination. If you would prefer a qualification where you are assessed in the workplace then you may wish to consider other awarding body qualifications.

#### 2. Delivery

Some of the courses provided are offered face to face (either during the day or of an evening), some are provided online, and some are blended (a mixture of the two). Check how your chosen course is delivered and make sure it meets your needs. Ask the Course Provider what support is available outside the teaching sessions (for face to face delivery) and when tutors are available to provide any support you require.

#### 3. Course Provider Location

You will be expected to attend a minimum of 85% of the training sessions provided so if you choose a face to face course make sure you are able to get to the venue at the times specified. Even online courses will expect you to attend a venue for mock examinations so make sure you know where this will be and that you are able to attend as required.

#### 4. Course Fees

Make sure you know what the course fees cover. Some Training Provider fees include exam costs, mock exam fees and support for resits, others will charge extra for these.

#### 5. Training Quality

Training Providers should be able to tell you how many students they take per cohort, how many of these students drop out or are deferred, how many are entered for the examination and how many pass the examination. You can compare pass rates to the national average to give you a clearer picture.

#### 6. Teaching Staff

It is also worth checking on the experience of the teaching staff. Who will your tutors be? What are their qualifications? How much experience do they





have? Answers to these questions will give you an indication of what you are paying for.

#### **7. Contracts**

If you are required to sign a contract before commencing your training, make sure you read it very carefully. Check what the Course Provider is offering to do if anything goes wrong. Also check whether there are any obligations for you if you do not meet the requirements of the course.

#### **8. Mock Exams**

Course Providers are expected to provide at least one mock exam that mirrors the NEBDN Diploma. Check whether your chosen Course Provider is offering at least one full mock written paper (75 Multiple Choice Questions and 50 Extended Matching Questions) as well as one full mock OSCE (10 OSCE stations).

#### **9. Record of Experience**

Completing the Record of Experience (RoE) requires support both from the workplace and from the Course Provider. Ask your Course Provider what support you get to help you complete your RoE within the given timescale. Tutors are expected to return any submitted practical experience record sheets within 28 days of submission.

#### **10. Testimonials**

Do you know other dental nurses that have trained through the Course Provider? It may be worth asking others how they felt about their training. Maybe you could join one of the Facebook groups and ask questions of other students?

#### **11. Accreditation**

All of NEBDN's Course Providers are audited every two years. Ask your Training Provider if they would show you a copy of their most recent Audit Report. This may give you an indication of where strengths and weaknesses were identified, and you can then ask the Course Provider if they have made changes to address any weaknesses.

Choosing a Course Provider is a personal thing, what you consider important may not matter to someone else. This list is designed to help you think about what matters to you and what questions you should ask when making your choices. If you have any further questions about course provision leading to NEBDN qualifications please do not hesitate to contact NEBDN on 01772 429917.

