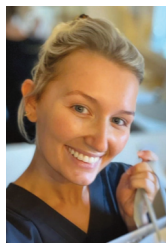


Could dental nursing be the career for you?



By Hannah Coverley,
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As a qualified dental nurse, who has worked at The Maltings Dental Practice for almost 12 years now, I value my

position and my career here very much, and I would definitely recommend the job itself.

This opportunity started as a job advertisement in

the local newspaper, and this came at a time in my life where I had left school and was looking for a job where I could 'earn and learn' as I believed an apprenticeship/trainee position suited my nature best.

I am very grateful my dental nursing journey began here at The Maltings as I could not see myself working in another dental practice. I must admit, it feels more like a second home. I found dental nursing a brilliant step onto the healthcare ladder without having to go to university, which I felt did not suit my character. Teenage years are hard to navigate! Many dental nursing training courses differ, but my particular experience involved learning first-hand from the qualified dental nurses at the practice and observing their day-to-day responsibilities. Once I was enrolled onto my college course, I would also attend a college day in Nottingham every fortnight. This was to ensure I passed my dental nursing exams and completed the necessary coursework to receive my qualification. This course took 18 months to complete. It was something I did while still working at the practice and gaining more and more confidence within my role. What suited me was that I was in a training position, but still getting a wage which helped with lifestyle expenses.

Additionally, I have since gained a post qualification in Dental Radiography which enables me to take dental x-rays within the practice. The

practice has never left me short of opportunities to progress within my role, but with a patient approach; by giving me these choices to take at my own pace and when I felt I was ready to fulfil them.

Most of my recent time at The Maltings has involved working alongside the same dentist for approximately seven years. This is such a comfortable way to dental nurse and my personal preference, as I can help to build a stable and consistent relationship with my dentist. I feel this offers the best level of service to our patients, too. I am very lucky to be presented with respect and confidence in my position from my dentist, as this

increases the standard of care we can provide within our surgery and throughout the practice.

Every day-to-day diary is different leaving minimal room to get 'bored' or feel there is a repetitive sense to your job role. We have provided NHS dentistry together, private dentistry, cosmetic dentistry and all aspects of general dentistry.

As a dental practice that accommodates twelve surgeries, I am part of a very large and loving team, where each individual is important and valued.

If you are in a position where you're thinking: what next?

Consider dental nursing. I do not regret any part of it and love that I have somewhere to be where I am needed every day.



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The Maltings Dental Practice currently has vacancies for either trainee or qualified dental nurses. Please do get in touch if you think it might be the career for you!



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