**Apprentice Dental Nurse Ribble Dental Centre**

This vacancy is for an Apprentice Dental Nurse based in Preston, Lancashire. The successful applicant will have the opportunity to undertake valuable work experience whilst gaining on the job qualifications.

**Apprenticeship summary**

* **Weekly wage -** £146.25
* Apprentices are paid for their normal working hours and training that's part of their apprenticeship (usually one day per week).
* [Minimum Wage Rates](https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates)
* **Working week -** To be confirmed at interview.Total hours per week: 37.50
* **Expected duration -** 21 months
* **Apprenticeship level -** Advanced Level 3 (A level)
* **Reference number -** VAC001606129

The duties within this role include:

* Assist the dentist and hygienist during all clinical procedures
* Carry out and be responsible for all Health and Safety and Cross Infection policies and procedures within the dental surgery
* Assist the dentist during all clinical procedures in the surgery which will include fillings, root canal treatment, bridge crown and denture preparation and extractions
* Assessments, this may also include minor oral surgery
* Assist the hygienist with scale and polish and oral health promotion plus charting and periodontal assessments
* Record and store notes, charting, medical history and radiographs on either paper based or computerized systems
* Reception duties which include answering the telephone greeting patients, making appointments and recording them correctly on the system
* Disposing of all waste correctly, including clinical, sharps, specialist, amalgam, and normal domestic
* Assisting with the preparation of patient and equipment during the taking of x-rays and processing and storing all images

**Requirements and prospects**

**Desired skills**

* A good communicator and be willing to be part of a team supporting each other
* The ability to make decisions and use their own initiative, have strong organizational skills, as well as having a caring nature and be comfortable talking to patients at all levels and ages

**Personal qualities**

* The ability to work as an individual as well as part of a team and be respectful to team members at all times
* Be an excellent communicator at all levels, via telephone and face to face. Be able to use their own initiative

**Desired qualifications**

CSE at grade 4 (C) or above in English and mathematics or equivalent.

**Future prospects**

The successful candidate will work towards achieving a level 3 qualification in Dental Nursing with experience in a busy Dental Practice.

Upon completion of the Level 3 qualification, you will be an experienced and qualified dental nurse, and as such you can continue building up skills that will always be in demand. Career breaks and part time working are often possible. You could go on to acquire specialist qualifications in areas such as sedation, dental radiography and oral health.

You might take on more responsibility as a trainer and assessor for other dental nurses or move into a management role within your dental practice. You could apply for a course to qualify as a dental hygienist or therapist.

**About the employer**

Ribble Dental is a dental practice in Preston that provides high quality cosmetic and general dental services.

**Employer -** Ribble Dental Centre <http://www.ribbledental.co.uk/>

**Address -** 198-202Victoria Road**,** Preston**,** PR5 4AY

**Training provider -** TRAINING 2000 LIMITED

Applications for this apprenticeship are being processed by Training 2000 Ltd

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* Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing
* Functional Skills Level 2 in Application of Number and Literacy if required
* Employer Rights and Responsibility
* Personal Learning and thinking Skills
* Safeguarding
* First Aid
* Conflict resolution