

Career Pathways

Courses

As an independent organisation, the BSP has no affiliation with any of the institutions listed below, nor can we comment upon the quality of included programmes. The list is not exhaustive and those interested in pursuing further training are strongly advised to contact the respective institutions for further information.

King's College London

MClindent

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught-courses/periodontology-mclindent>

3 days a week for 4 years (part time)- £15,300 per year

5 days a week for 3 years (full time)- £20,400 per year

Contact: luigi.nibali@kcl.ac.uk

Description: Designed to provide extensive contemporary knowledge and clinical proficiency in periodontology, students train to U.K. specialist level. You will have the opportunity to sit for the membership examination with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

University College London

MClindent

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/eastman/study/periodontology/periodontology-mclindent>

5 days a week for 3 years (Full time)- £27,470 per year

Overseas: £46,610 per year

Description: An accredited postgraduate training programme from the European Federation of Periodontology for more than 15 years.

Contact: edi-admissions@ucl.ac.uk

Distance learning MSc

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught-degrees/periodontology-distance-learning-msc>

Part time: 3 years - £10,150 per year

Overseas: £20,170

Teaching blocks at UCL- two weeks in the first year, one week in the second and third years, respectively.

Description: Offers the ability to assess and manage the periodontal needs of a patient and to become competent in the presentation, diagnosis and management of all known diseases and disorders of the periodontium. Students will complete patient treatment in their own practice. Through discussion of with peers, staff and others will synthesise knowledge and practical skills, improving practice and effectiveness. Multiple exit points (Certificate/Diploma)

Contact: edi-admissions@ucl.ac.uk

Queen Mary University of London
DClinDent

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/coursefinder/courses/149157.html>

5 days a week for 3 years (full time)- £29,950 per year

Overseas: £49,950 per year

Description: The DClinDent Degree integrates academic activities with clinical practice and research up to level 8 of FHEQ and covers all the topics in the GDC(UK) Specialist Curriculum. The degree is full-time and will provide a sound basis for developing an academic career and for preparing for a career as a specialist in the discipline of Periodontics. Completion of this programme can lead to eligibility to sit the Membership in Periodontics examination of The Royal College of Surgeons.

The University of Sheffield
DClinDent

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dentalschool/masters/dclindent/periodontics>

5 days a week for 3 years (full time)- £35,500 per year

This course will develop to a specialist level, knowledge and understanding of the theoretical basis and practical skills to enable the competent management and treatment of endodontics and general restorative inter-disciplinary cases to a specialist level in accordance with the requirements of the GDC's Specialist Curricula. You will develop your learning by using a wide range of complimentary learning modalities and interaction with colleagues and allied specialties in restorative dentistry, including the joint management of patient care. Over the three years, you will learn sophisticated research methods relevant to clinical dentistry and you will undertake a scientific research investigation, with specific outcomes for each year of study. You will have the opportunity to sit for the membership examination with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

The University of Manchester
MSc (Clin) Periodontology

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses/list/08444/msc-clin-periodontology/>

5 days a week for 3 years (full time)- £47,000 per year

Description: Gain the academic knowledge and clinical skills to practice periodontology at an advanced or specialist level. Learn how to design and conduct research projects. Benefit from our links with the Cochrane Oral Health Group and the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for the Treatment of Cranio-Facial

Anomalies. Have the opportunity to undertake extensive treatment plans and follow integrated courses of care for patients. Prepare for Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh MPerio exam.

**The University of Essex
MSc in Periodontology**

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/courses/pg01030/1/msc-periodontology>

£13,320 a year (home)
£17,900 (international)

You gain a broad and critical understanding of the key concepts underlying clinical periodontal practice. At Essex, you critically appraise research findings and develop your own evidence-based practice.

**University of central Lancashire (UCLAN) Clinical Periodontology
PGCert/ PGDip/ MSc**

https://www.uclan.ac.uk/courses/msc_pgdipl_pgcert_clinical_periodontology.php

Year 1- £16,530, Year 2- £16,865
International - £13200

This course has evolved from the successful three-year MSc Clinical Periodontology programme and has been re-designed in response to student feedback. Now run over two years and with much of the academic delivery online, this course enables the busy dental practitioner to not only study much of the course material from home, but also provides the opportunity to treat patients under the direct clinical supervision of experienced consultants and specialists. As part of the changes, we have added four days of supervised clinical training, and moved much of the academic teaching to a modern, online delivery model.

This programme is delivered by experienced clinicians and educators. Successful completion of this two-year programme leads to the award of an MSc Clinical Periodontology from the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), a UK University well known as a provider of high-quality clinical training and education.

**University of central Lancashire (UCLAN) Clinical Periodontology
MClinDent**

<https://www.uclan.ac.uk/courses/mclindent-periodontology.php>

Full time £42,00 a year
This course is open to international students only

This two-year, full time programme is delivered by experienced clinicians and educators. Successful completion leads to the award of an MClinDent Periodontology from the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), a UK University well known as a provider of high-quality clinical training and education. The main focus of the course is patient management and the delivery of appropriate, evidence based clinical care. There are supporting modules on critical appraisal, research strategies and clinical audit.

University of Plymouth
MSc Periodontology

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/msc-periodontology>

- Choose your own learning journey – complete 60 credits and receive a PG Certificate in Periodontology. 120 credits will give you a PG Diploma and the maximum 180 credits will reward you with a full MSc in Periodontology. The cost of each module is £5000.
- Balance existing work commitments with flexible study opportunities. Each module consists of 300 total learning hours – 80 hours of direct contact and 220 hours in own practice preparing cases.
- Benefit from hands-on consultant time for each clinical module – put your knowledge into practice and gain experience and confidence.
- High quality teaching– learn from an experienced team of consultants in restorative dentistry and by respected visiting specialist clinicians and teachers of periodontology.
- Grow in confidence and experience with the programme – learn and understand the foundations of periodontology and develop your knowledge and skills with more advanced skills, focusing on surgery in Year 2.
- Boost your future career prospects and the quality of care you can offer to your patients and produce a dissertation to complete the masters - design, conduct, evaluate and write up a project on a topic relevant to periodontology.
- Accredited by The Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Academic Stage P/T delivery Only	Fee per 60 credits
Stage 1 (certificate)	£10,000
Stage 2 (Diploma)	£10,000
Stage 3 (Dissertation)	£5,000
MSc – full cost	£25,000

I want to become a specialist.

Currently there exist two pathways to becoming a registered specialist in Periodontics:

- Via application for a 'certificate of completion of specialist training' (CCST) following completion of a specialist training programme approved by HEE & GDC.
- Via an assessed application to the GDC based on academic or research work.

CCST Pathway

Historically, trainees have been eligible for the award of a 'National Training Number' (NTN) upon application to Health Education England via the Oriel portal when applying for certain postgraduate programmes of study on approved courses. (<https://www.oriel.nhs.uk/Web/Account/LandingPage>)

A CCST would be awarded upon achieving:

- The completion of an approved training programme (as determined by the regional postgraduate dean)
- An approved qualification from one of the three surgical royal colleges (Royal College of Surgeons England, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh)
- The necessary competencies in the Annual review of competency progression (ARCP) process.

As of September 2019, HEE are currently not awarding national training numbers of self-funded applicants pursuing 'specialist training' in Periodontics, Endodontics and Prosthodontics. The pathway does still apply for:

- Applicants applying for (salaried) NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) or Academic Clinical Lecturer (ACL) posts in Periodontics. These roles are advertised and funded based on local applications by approved providers and are recruited by competitive entry.
- Restorative dentistry trainees. These (salaried) roles are advertised and funded based on local applications by approved providers and are recruited by competitive entry. The ultimate purpose of these posts is the training of NHS Consultants in Restorative Dentistry, not in Periodontics, Endodontics and Prosthodontics.

Entry requirements:

As HEE have stopped awarding NTN to self-funded Periodontics, Endodontics and Prosthodontics training programmes, candidates wishing to achieve specialist status are strongly urged to contact the respective institutions with regards to their individual entry requirements. It is also recommended that you contact your local postgraduate dental deans which can be found on <https://www.copdend.org/letb/>

Traditionally the requirements to enter specialist training have been as follows

- Completion of foundation training (DFT)
- Evidence of a period of training in secondary care (dental core training)
- Markers of completion of foundation training such as:
 - Membership of the Joint Dental Faculties (RCS England) – RCS England will be discontinuing this soon
 - Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery (RCS Edinburgh and soon RCS England)
 - Membership of the Faculty of Dentistry (RCS Ireland)

Other useful criteria when considering your application include:

- Evidence of audit
- Demonstration of commitment to specialist training
- Experience/knowledge of research (does not necessarily have to be limited to periodontology) and critical appraisal
- Previous courses attended and shadowing / working with specialist colleagues
- Postgraduate qualifications and any publications
- BSP membership and attendance at local, regional, national and international meetings related to periodontology

Application for specialist status based on academic or research work

Applicants to the specialist lists who do not hold a Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) or recognised qualification from an EEA member state are potentially eligible to enter the specialist lists on the basis of academic and research work (otherwise known as "assessed application".)

Further information on this pathway is available on the GDC website.

<https://www.gdc-uk.org/registration/your-registration/specialist-lists/guidance-for-assessed-applications>

Advancing Dental Care: Education and Training Review

As a part of Health Education England's workforce strategy review in 2018, the 'advancing dental care' initiative completed phase 1 of their education and reform project. The aim of the project was to assess how health care professionals trained today are best served to support a patient's needs now and in the future in an effective and efficient way.

Phase 1 assessed the following:

- Who is being trained (nurses, technicians, dentists, hygienists, therapists, specialists)?
- How and at what point in their career people take up new learning.
- How training is funded.

Through assessment of research and discussion with healthcare professionals, 21 recommendations have been made to assess in phase 2 of the project. The review team has conducted further focused research to understand the current workforce; its activity; and the newly qualified workforce's preferences and aspirations. Through engagement and options analysis, HEE are seeking to explore and develop more flexible training options, that build upon best practice. These are being piloted from 2020.

The outcomes of this process are as yet not fully clear but it is likely that pathways may become more flexible and that the allocation of training posts will be driven by planned estimations of current and future population demographics and state-funded healthcare needs relevant to each specialty across dentistry. This may mean a reallocation of salaried posts between specialties and geographically.

In summary, the future methods of training dental care professionals and specialists is likely to change. We advise BSP members who are interested in the future of education and commissioning of services to review the information provided by HEE on their website (<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/advancing-dental-care>).

Members may also wish to participate in stakeholder events and to offer their thoughts on the subject by contacting advancingdentistry@hee.nhs.uk.

Accreditation of Performers of Level 2 complexity care

Based on the 'Independent Review of NHS Dental Services' (Steele Review), it has been suggested that a pathway approach to dental care provision should be adopted as a part of contract reform and the future commissioning of training and dental services.

The Department of Health has established advanced pathway groups for a number of specialities which defined case and procedural complexity at 3 levels. Levels 1, 2 and 3 are care descriptors which reflect a case in terms of procedural difficulty, patient modifying factors and competence required of a clinician to deliver care of that level of complexity.

Level 1- skillsets and competencies that are covered by teaching and training in the undergraduate and dental foundation (FD) programme. Treatments which are not specifically defined in levels 2 or 3 are de-facto level 1.

Level 2 care is defined as procedural and/or patient complexity requiring a clinician with enhanced skills and experience who may or may not be on a specialist register. This care may require additional equipment or environment standards but can usually be provided in primary care. Level 2 case complexity maybe delivered as part of the continuing care of a patient or may require onward referral. Providers of Level 2 care on referral will need a formal link to a specialist, to quality assure the outcome of pathway delivery.

Level 3a and Level 3b care is that which requires specialist practitioner or consultant led care due to complex clinical or patient factors. This care can be provided in a primary care, dental hospital or in a secondary care setting depending on the needs of the patient and/or local arrangements which may include current training commitments.

Currently, local commissioners, Local Dental Networks (LDN), Managed Clinical Networks (MCNs) and Local Accreditation Panels (LAPs) are implementing processes for Accreditation of Performers of Level 2 complexity care. Those who believe they may be suitable for such accreditation are advised to contact their local NHS area team, LDN or MCN for information, as commissioning of posts is determined by availability and funding in a given region. Further information may be found on the links below.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/guidance-for-the-accreditation-of-performers-of-level-2-v24.pdf>

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/guidance-for-the-accreditation-of-performers-of-level-2-complexity-care-dec-2018.pdf>