Module Descriptor

Title	Dental Nursing Additional Skills		
Session	2026/27	**Status**	Published
Code	NURS09242	**SCQF Level**	9
Credit Points	20	**ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme)**	10
School	**Health and Life Sciences**		
Module Co-ordinator	Veronica McIlroy		

Summary of Module

The General Dental Council's (GDC) Scope of Practice has increased and expanded the legislative range of duties that a dental nurse can perform. This change has resulted in the dental nurse enhancing their role by being more involved with client care; this extends from supporting planned treatment to supporting the management and prevention of oral disease including those with special needs.

This module is designed to develop the additional skills, knowledge, and expertise of GDC registered dental nurses to enable them to demonstrate initiative and independence as they apply a range of prescribed practical skills and techniques.

Patient safety, quality assurance and competence are the overarching principles of the GDC. Student skills will be further developed by engaging with simulated learning experiences. This module is critical to the delivery of safe, client centred, evidence- based care.

Module Delivery Method	**On-Campus**[1] ☐	**Hybrid**[2] ☒	**Online**[3] ☐	**Work -Based Learning**[4] ☐
Campuses for Module Delivery	☐ Ayr ☐ Dumfries	☐ Lanarkshire ☐ London ☐ Paisley	☐ Online / Distance Learning ☒ Other (specify) NCL	

[1] Where contact hours are synchronous/ live and take place fully on campus. Campus-based learning is focused on providing an interactive learning experience supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[2] The module includes a combination of synchronous/ live on-campus and online learning events. These will be supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus and online contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[3] Where all learning is solely delivered by web-based or internet-based technologies and the participants can engage in all learning activities through these means. All required contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[4] Learning activities where the main location for the learning experience is in the workplace. All required contact hours, whether online or on campus, will be clearly articulated to students

					Coatbridge Campus	
Terms for Module Delivery	Term 1	☒	Term 2	☐	Term 3	☐
Long-thin Delivery over more than one Term	Term 1 – Term 2	☐	Term 2 – Term 3	☐	Term 3 – Term 1	☐

Learning Outcomes	
L1	Critically appraise a range of additional practical skills which support patient care.
L2	Demonstrate a range of additional practical skills and techniques to support patient care within a simulated and clinical environment.
L3	Apply evidence-based theory of additional dental nursing skills in relation to the delivery of safe, patient-centred care.
L4	Interpret and evaluate numerical data to accurately establish client status and deliver appropriate treatment.
L5	

Employability Skills and Personal Development Planning (PDP) Skills	
SCQF Headings	**During completion of this module, there will be an opportunity to achieve core skills in:**
Knowledge and Understanding (K and U)	**SCQF 9** Display a critical understanding of a need to apply evidenced based theory and relate this to skills delivery.
Practice: Applied Knowledge and Understanding	**SCQF 9** Practice essential dental nursing skills in a simulated setting, prior to practice in dental environment: Consolidation of dental and oral anatomy; verbal and non-verbal communication; knowledge of treatment methods, types, technique, and application of topical treatments; medicine management; instrument preparation and management; dental suture removal and wound care; measuring and recording of plaque indices and recording of accurate data. Scope of practice Standards for dental care professionals.
Generic Cognitive skills	**SCQF 9** Evaluate the theory supporting skills acquisition and how these impact on practice. Undertake self-directed study drawing on a range of resources to assist understanding of evidence-based practice.
Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills	**SCQF 9** Display effective communication strategies to relay information to clients and dental/ lecturing team. Make effective use of information technology or other sources to retrieve, record and store information.
Autonomy, Accountability	**SCQF 9**

and Working with Others	Demonstrate accountability whilst working within the dental team, supporting clients, and effectively contributing within the learning environment.

Prerequisites	**Module Code**	**Module Title**
	Other	
Co-requisites	**Module Code**	**Module Title**

Learning and Teaching

In line with current learning and teaching principles, a 20-credit module includes 200 learning hours, normally including a minimum of 36 contact hours and maximum of 48 contact hours.

A variety of learning and teaching strategies will be utilised including lectures, workshops, tutorials, enquiry based learning and simulated practice. Support and guidance will be available from the module team. Additional support including reasonable adjustments for teaching and learning can be individualised for those students with enabling support needs. The learning and teaching strategies on this module contribute to the development of UWS graduate attributes as outlined in "I am UWS" see link:

https://www.uws.ac.uk/current-students/your-graduate-attributes/

Learning Activities During completion of this module, the learning activities undertaken to achieve the module learning outcomes are stated below:	**Student Learning Hours** (Note: Learning hours include both contact hours and hours spent on other learning activities)
Lecture / Core Content Delivery	12
Tutorial / Synchronous Support Activity	12
Laboratory / Practical Demonstration / Workshop	24
Independent Study	152
n/a	
n/a	
TOTAL	200

Indicative Resources

The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes:

General Dental Council (2013) Scope of Practice. Available at: https://www.gdc-uk.org/docs/default-source/scope-of-practice/scope-of-practice.pdf (Accessed 27 May 24)

ollins, C. (2019) Levison's Textbook for Dental Nurses 12th ed. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell

Websites: www.gdc-uk.org

(N.B. Although reading lists should include current publications, students are advised (particularly for material marked with an asterisk*) to wait until the start of session for confirmation of the most up-to-date material)

Attendance and Engagement Requirements
In line with the Student Attendance and Engagement Procedure, Students are academically engaged if they are attending and participating in all timetabled programme activities including on-campus and online teaching sessions, asynchronous online learning activities, placement, work-based elements, course-related learning resources, and complete assessments and submit these on time. **For the purposes of this module, academic engagement equates to the following:** Where a module has Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body requirements these will be listed here: The University is committed to providing a supportive learning environment that actively facilitates student success. In this module, there is a high degree of student- led flexibility. You are academically engaged if you are regularly engaged with scheduled live sessions on-campus and online, including engaging with online learning activities in your own time, course-related learning resources, and with timely completion and submission of assessments. Whilst we understand that there may be times when conflicting priorities make participation challenging, for you to gain the most from this module it is recommended that you participate in all scheduled live classes and complete your self-directed learning activities in a timely manner. It may be difficult to pass the assessment associated with this module if you are not regularly engaging with the module work and live classes. We may reach out to check how things are going and offer support if we observe that you have not been attending sessions or completing online activities.

Equality and Diversity
The University's Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Procedure can be accessed at the following link: UWS Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Code. This module is appropriate for all students. To promote inclusive practice, procedures and processes have been subject to Equality Impact Assessment where appropriate. In line with the Equality Act 2010 and UWS Refreshed Equality Outcomes 2021-2025 Public Sector Equality Duty Mainstreaming and Equality Outcomes Report 2021 (uws.ac.uk) (pp. 37-39) the School of Health and Life Sciences encourages the disclosure of support requirements, including disability, at the recruitment stage and throughout the duration of the module. Emphasis is placed on confidentiality of information, the benefits of disclosure and that no detriment to progress will be experienced. The School will endeavour to make reasonable adjustments to teaching and learning approaches and arrangements for assessment, and (when applicable) periods of placement, where a student has disclosed specific requirements.
(N.B. Every effort will be made by the University to accommodate any equality and diversity issues brought to the attention of the School)

Supplemental Information

Divisional Programme Board	**Adult Nursing Community Health**
Overall Assessment Results	☐ **Pass / Fail** ☒ **Graded**
Module Eligible for Compensation	☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **If this module is eligible for compensation, there may be cases where compensation is not permitted due to programme accreditation requirements. Please check the associated programme specification for details.**

School Assessment Board	Community and Health
Moderator	Anne Marie Craig
External Examiner	V Hewson
Accreditation Details	
Module Appears in CPD catalogue	☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**
Changes / Version Number	3

Assessment (also refer to Assessment Outcomes Grids below)
Assessment 1
OSCE Pass mark 40%
Assessment 2
Assessment 3
(N.B. (i) Assessment Outcomes Grids for the module (one for each component) can be found below which clearly demonstrate how the learning outcomes of the module will be assessed. (ii) An indicative schedule listing approximate times within the academic calendar when assessment is likely to feature will be provided within the Student Module Handbook.)

Component 1							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs)	☒	☒	☒	☒	☐	100	1

Component 2							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		

Component 3							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		
Combined total for all components						100%	1 hours

Change Control

What	When	Who
Co-ordinator, Moderator, External Examiner, Added Module code	13/2/25	J Orr
Moderator change	March 2026	Anne Marie Craig