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**Health, Social Services
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DENTIST



“ Enjoyable work,
providing a wide
variety of treatments
- fillings, crowns,
bridges, dentures,
ortho, extractions.
I get to meet lots of
different people each
day. ”

THE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TEAM NEEDS YOU

DENTIST

Dentists are healthcare professionals who are experts in the diagnosis and treatment of a range of problems that affect the mouth and teeth. They provide a wide range of services including care and treatment for oral diseases, preventative treatments, emergency services and provision of dental appliances.

The majority of Dentists will work in General Practice, however, many opportunities also exist within hospital and community settings. Dentists often manage a team of people encompassing Dental Nurses, Dental Hygienists, Dental Therapists, Dental Technicians and others, therefore, good social skills and administrative and managerial abilities are required.

Skills Required:

The capacity to learn and make sense of scientific knowledge; the drive to update and test your knowledge against experience; good manual dexterity; strong interpersonal skills; an ethical approach to people and the confidence to make your own decisions.

Training Programme:

Bachelor of Dental Surgery

Queen's University Belfast full-time five year programme

Entry Qualifications:

The grades required are likely to be AAA at A-Level + A (AS level) including Chemistry. A-level

GCE A-Levels: Chemistry plus one from Biology, Maths or Physics (NB only 1 mathematics subject can count at A-Level and General Studies is not acceptable)

GCE AS-Level: Biology is required and a non-science is recommended

GCSE: Mathematics and either Physics or Double Award Science if not offered to AS or A-Level

Career Pathway:

While the majority of graduates become general dental practitioners, a proportion pursue an academic career. As a result of this, Queen's graduates hold many senior university posts in the UK. Others are attracted by the prospect of a hospital career and apply for house surgeon positions within hospitals in Northern Ireland. The much-changed nature of the Community Dental Service also represents a further interesting and rewarding opportunity for graduates.

Professional Recognition:

On successful completion of the five-year course, the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (QUB) is immediately registrable with the General Dental Council and is a full qualification for dental practice. However, in line with the General Dental Council regulations, all dentists are required to join a Vocational Training (V.T.) scheme to undertake a further period of training of one year prior to becoming a principal in general dental practice.

How to Apply:

For undergraduate full-time programme, application should be made through Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

Web Links:

Queen's University Belfast – www.qub.ac.uk

General Dental Council – www.gdc-uk.org

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