



Your Degree What Next: *Dental Science*

What can I do with my degree?

As a graduate of Dental Science from Trinity, you have placed yourself in an excellent position for employment with the HSE, and private practices within Ireland and Europe. Successful completion of the degree entitles the graduate to register as a dentist on the Register of the Dental Council of Ireland (www.dentalcouncil.ie). Furthermore, Dental Science graduates who are EU citizens are entitled to register with the regulatory bodies of other countries in the European Union which fulfil the Sectoral Directives as they relate to the education and training of dentists and, Dental graduates from Trinity can now practice Dentistry in Canada. There is a wide range of career options open to a qualified dentist. New graduates usually find themselves deciding whether to work in general dental practice providing both state funded or private dental care or in the salaried public dental service. Many graduates choose to continue their education with the aim of becoming a specialist in one area within dentistry. Some of these specialisms include studying for a postgraduate diploma in Conscious Sedation or Clinical Dental Technology or the areas of Special Care, Public Health, Oral Cancer, Orthodontics, Prosthodontics and many more. There is also the option of pursuing research, with a wide variety of PhD programmes on offer. Many graduates will gain experience in general practice initially before deciding the next steps towards specialism or research. Occasionally Dental Science graduates will move away from clinical practice towards the worlds of Policy & Education Development, Global Development, Business, Entrepreneurship, Social Care and other Allied Health Professions.

Roles

Associate Dentist, Locum Dentist
Orthodontist
Research Assistant
Periodontologist

Employers

HSE
Private Practices
Irish Dental Association
Council for European Dentists

Useful Resources

The organisations and professional bodies listed below are useful resources for career / sector specific information:

Professional Bodies and Useful Sites

[Irish Dental Association](http://www.irishdentalassociation.ie)
[Council for European Dentists](http://www.councilforeurpedentists.org)
[Association for Dental Education in Europe](http://www.aedeeurope.org)
[Canadian Dental Association](http://www.cda.ca)

Resources

www.hse.ie
[Www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)
[Www.cpl.ie](http://www.cpl.ie)
www.goabroad.com
www.volunteer.ie

Graduate attributes and transferrable skills you can develop at Trinity

Alongside the obvious clinical skills you have developed, you gain a wide range of other skills and attributes while at College, through academic study, clubs and societies, voluntary work, student politics, work and other commitments. These are important to recognize as they inform your career decisions and are a critical ingredient in your applications for post-graduate study and jobs. Here are some skills you can gain :

1. Critical Thinking - Learning to work on your own and to make independent judgments. You have to discover the information that you need to analyse complex questions and develop your ideas about them and to present your arguments clearly and persuasively.

2. Teamwork - Learning to work as part of a team is an important skill; sharing the workload, agreeing roles and working as a team to develop ideas and present a coherent group argument.

3. Independent Research - You will have learnt how to use the library and other complex information resources and coordinate information from a wide variety of sources.

4. Logical argumentation - You will know how to bring together facts and arguments in order to answer a specific question or analyse a problem.

5. Time and project management - By working on assignments and studying for exams you will have developed the ability to revise and consolidate your work and know how to extract the essential points from a mass of information. You will also have learned how to manage your own time and to work under pressure of deadlines.

6. Verbal communication - You will know how to present your ideas orally and to contribute constructively to discussions.

7. Written communication - You will have had the opportunity to present your ideas in writing accurately and concisely, using convincing arguments which are based on solid evidence; responding flexibly to different types of questions and expressing your thoughts concisely; carrying out in-depth research on a specialised topic and develop the sustained writing skills needed.

8. Digital Skills - You will have the opportunity of developing your computer skills both from typing up your own essays and papers and from undertaking searches on the web & using databases.

9. Personal Development – You are managing the learning required for a degree and recognising the gaps in your understanding and ensuring that these are addressed in ways that best suit your learning style.

How can the Careers Service help me?

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