National Dental Nurse Training Programme of Ireland

Distance Learning

The National Dental Nurse Training Programme of Ireland, are pleased to provide a Distance Learning option for outreach students participating the Diploma in Dental Nursing programme.

The Distance Learning option encompasses a blended learning approach where students utilise online learning tools in conjunction with face to face sessions for the duration of the 16 month programme. Registered Distance Learning students are required to attend their governing centre (Dublin or Cork) for all practical sessions, competencies and examinations as per the programme schedule (a minimum of six times).

Registered Distance Learning students are required to have regular access to a computer with **reliable high speed broadband access to the internet and Adobe software for viewing videos**. In order to participate in the required online activities and find course materials, students will need to have good computer skills and regularly access the programme website.

Upon registration each student will be given access to the programme website called Blackboard (TCD or UCC) which will enable Distance Learning students to have access to all course documentation, lecture notes and recorded lectures.

Registered Distance Learning students are required to access the virtual classroom via the web conferencing software from 6.15pm each Wednesday evening of the programme schedule. Any questions can be posted to the course coordinators during the lecture via the software. Recorded lectures will be uploaded onto the programme website and will remain accessible for students to view. Students will also be required to take part in online discussions on the website during the programme. Online interaction with other Distance Learning students in relation to lecture content is a recommended element of undertaking the Distance Learning option.

If points raised during lectures remain unclear after student led discussions, the course coordinators or tutors will then bring your queries to the attention of the lecturer and clarification will be submitted to all students via Blackboard.

All students are required to attend a minimum of 80% of lectures in each Course Unit (3 modules).

More information about this option will be issued to potential students during the application process.