



Preceptorship for Dental nurses

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A bit about me



- I have been a qualified dental nurse for 17 years
- I undertook the mentorship module with Uclan
- No formal preceptor training I just used my knowledge and experiences



Definition

A preceptor is an experienced practitioner who provides role support and learning experiences to student and staff learners.

A preceptor works with the learner for a defined period of time to assist the learner in acquiring new competencies required for safe, ethical and quality practice.

CHALLENGES



- Time restraints
- Not relevant for dental nurses
- Unable to adapt to our practices
- What for? Why?
- What will we get out of it?



BENEFITS



- Realisation of feelings & pressures
- Ensured protected time for one to ones
- Proud
- Reassurance to preceptee throughout transitional period
- Relevant topics

How will it work for dental nursing??

- Low number of hospital/community dental services jobs
- Like newly qualified
- Programme is adaptable





Vision for Dental Nursing

- Forums
- Ongoing plans
- Specialist training
- Staff retention plans
- Career development





"We rise
by lifting
others."

-Robert Ingersoll



Thank you for listening

