

## **A Note from a Tutor**

Welcome to Elite Dental Training.

You are just about to open the doors to a very challenging but rewarding career that offers a high level of personal satisfaction and opportunity for professional development. National Certificate is a key qualification that will allow you to progress further - become a registered with General Dental Council (GDC) Health Care Professional, join postgraduate courses or to go to the University and become a Dental Hygienist or Therapist.

As your tutor, I only have one aim – for you to succeed. I believe my teaching experience and passion for dentistry will allow me to keep you engaged, focused and motivated. It's going to be an intense year but I will make sure we have lots of fun learning.

I would like to briefly explain what will be involved in our journey through the course.

### In the classroom:

After I introduce you to the dental profession and your role as a dental nurse, we will start learning about head anatomy, and the structure and morphology of teeth. Once you feel comfortable naming the teeth, I will teach you how to illustrate patients' current dental status - it's called charting. Then we will learn about body systems and how they work; and importantly when they fail. We will cover common medical emergencies and I will introduce you to the principles of first aid.

We will spend fair amount of time learning about health and safety in the workplace and also how to control cross infection in the surgery.

A major topic that we will discuss is oral disease including caries, gum problems and pathology. We will learn how the dentist can prevent dental diseases, and the methods used to assess patients' oral health, in addition to various way of treating them.

Restorative dentistry topics will allow you to gain knowledge about different types of fillings, root treatment, crowns, bridges and dentures. We will also learn about Oral Surgery and Orthodontics and Radiography.

### In the surgery:

During these sessions you will learn about dental drugs, materials, instruments and equipment. You will learn how to maintain your surgery with emphasis put on cross infection control. In addition you will learn how to mix dental materials.

Also our spotter tests – recognising and naming instruments – will take place in surgery.

