

Consider a career in Dentistry

There are a variety of roles to explore

Dentists

are able to carry out all aspects of routine dentistry including more complicated treatment such as root canal treatment and placing caps (crowns) on teeth.

Dental Hygienists

carry out dentistry focusing on preventing tooth decay and gum disease by using strengthening fluoride medication and teeth cleaning (scale and polish)

Dental Therapists

carry out routine dentistry such as fillings, teeth cleaning and tooth whitening.

Dental Nurses

work with the dentist, therapist or hygienist to ensure that the correct and clean equipment is available and puts patients at ease during their treatment.

Dental Technicians

are skilled in constructing a variety of bespoke dental appliances such as false teeth and caps to be stuck on teeth by the dentist.

Clinical Dental Technicians

can do all the intricate work of a dental technician in a dental laboratory but also work directly with patients to make certain types of false teeth.

There are a number of different places you could work:

Laboratory:

Clinical dental technicians or dental technicians may work in a dental lab making appliances to go in patients' mouths.

Hospital:

Dental professionals may treat conditions such as head and neck cancer or may work in dental laboratories within a hospital setting.

Dental practice:

Dentists and dental therapists, hygienists and nurses might work in general dental practice treating patients for routine dental procedures.

In 2020, there were 43,054 registered Dentists and 70,906 registered Dental Care Professionals in the UK. Dental Care Professionals are the members of the dental team who are not dentists, such as dental therapists, hygienists, nurses, clinical technicians and technicians. Dental care professionals form an important part of the dental workforce and team.