



Trinity College Dublin
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Professional Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy

Trinity College School of Dental Science is inviting applications to the Professional Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy, to commence in September 2015 for a twelve-month full-time course. Orthodontic Therapists are members of a group of dental care professionals who work as part of the dental team. They carry out orthodontic treatment under the prescription and direct supervision of an orthodontic specialist or consultant orthodontist.

The Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy is awarded by the University of Dublin, Trinity College and is a registrable qualification with the Dental Council. The initial core course - Introduction to Clinical Practice - is delivered in the Dublin Dental University Hospital (DDUH) and lasts for 20 days over alternate weeks between September and October, after which students will train in their work placements under direct supervision of an orthodontic specialist or consultant orthodontist for approximately eleven months. During the period of work placement, students will return to DDUH for twelve training days, which are spread over the remaining months.

The course is aimed at those who have a qualification in either Dental Hygiene or Dental Nursing, have at least two years' workplace experience (private orthodontic practice / public health orthodontic clinic) and are listed on the appropriate register maintained by the Dental Council. Applicants must have a current BLS certificate. Successful candidates will be required to show evidence of satisfactory protection against Hepatitis B. In addition, they must have evidence of immunity to Hepatitis B. An antibody titre level greater than 100mIU/mL from a blood test taken 6-8 weeks following the last vaccination is acceptable. They will also be subject to An Garda Síochána (police) vetting. The written support of a suitably qualified orthodontist trainer, who is on the Orthodontic Specialist register of the Dental Council, is also required. Trainers must attend a "Training the Trainers" course in June 2015 to prepare them for their trainer role on the course.

Interviews will be held on Friday 8th May 2015 and applicants must be accompanied by their prospective workplace trainer. In addition, the successful students' proposed workplace will be assessed after the interviews to ensure that the facilities are suitable for the clinical workplace training.

Please make yourself familiar with all course details on our website:

www.dentalhospital.ie/education/undergraduate-students/orthodontics/

Applications to the course must be made to natalie.mcgettigan@dental.tcd.ie

Closing date: 5pm on 17th April 2015

Please address enquiries to Ms Natalie McGettigan, Course Administrator, at 01 612 7361 or email natalie.mcgettigan@dental.tcd.ie.