We have provided below some links to the institutions that offer the Graduate Entry to Dentistry course. However we advise that you MUST check the UCAS website www.ucas.com and research the information on individual institutions websites regarding the entry criteria.

Applications for 2016 entry will close on 15 October 2015.

**The University of Aberdeen**
Applicants must hold a good honours degree (1st or 2:1) in a medical science or health related degree from a UK university. Applicants to the graduate entry pathway must demonstrate that their prior formal qualifications have covered relevant biomedical subjects. This will allow for direct entry into year 2.

**King's College London (University of London)**
Largest dental school in the UK offering entry routes to studying dentistry and graduating over 160 dentists a year. A 2:1 (upper second class honours) undergraduate degree (or international equivalent) in a biomedical related or health professional subject. Applicants with a 2:2 (lower second class honours) in a biomedical-related or health professional subject will only be considered if also holding a postgraduate degree (with at least a Merit). All applicants must take the UKCAT.

**University of Central Lancashire**
Applicants to the graduate entry pathway must demonstrate that their prior formal qualifications have covered relevant biomedical subjects and a minimum of upper second class. This will also allow direct entry to Year 2 (2nd BDS).

**University of Liverpool**
Please note that all applicants are required to sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) in the year of application. A minimum of a 2:1 in a Biomedical Sciences or Healthcare related degree.

**Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry (PU PSMD)**: offers 5 year undergraduate course.

**Barts and The London, School of Medicine and Dentistry**
All candidates for dentistry must undertake the UKCAT. Graduate students applying for the five-year BDS programme. You may apply in the final year of your degree and must be predicted/achieved at least an upper second class honours degree (or equivalent) in any subject. There must have been a significant component of biology and chemistry in your degree programme, at least equivalent to AS-level.
Three year an accelerated degree programme for medical graduates is offered by Kings College London. Please check the website for more details.

Five year courses that may consider graduates:

The University of Birmingham - Graduates must have achieved (or be predicted to achieve) a First Class honours degree in medical science or related degree with A levels minimum of B grade.

University of Bristol - requires a minimum of a 2:1.

University of Dundee - A minimum of an upper second class Honours degree in a relevant life science subject is required to allow further consideration. This should be the first degree obtained. Previous academic attainment will also be taken into account.

King’s College London (University of London) - you should contact the Admissions Tutor for the course to discuss any queries you might have.

Preparing for entrance exams

UKCAT

For full details on what the UK Clinical Aptitude Test involves, registration and closing dates, fees and practice tests information see the UKCAT website at www.ukcat.ac.uk

Preparing your personal statement

Applications are made through www.ucas.com. There is lots of helpful information to help with completing your application on the UCAS website.

Places on all dental courses are competitive, so a strong personal statement is essential in order to be considered for interview.

What should your personal statement include?

- Why you want to study dentistry
- What has inspired you to apply
- Your personal commitment to the profession
- That you have researched careers in dentistry and have a clear understanding of the qualities required to be a dentist
- Details of any work experience you have completed
- Details of any voluntary / community work you have completed (related or unrelated to dentistry)
- Some information about your hobbies, activities and achievements, both inside and outside of academic life, that show you are a well-rounded applicant
- Details of your hobbies / interests that demonstrate manual dexterity
- Details of any experiences of responsibility (e.g. paid employment, caring for relatives etc.)
- Conclusion about why you should be picked

Throughout your examples, think about how you can show you possess the personal attributes required to successfully practice dentistry such as:

- Integrity and insight into strengths and weaknesses
- The ability to cope with stressful situations
- The ability to work compassionately and professionally
- Respect for others / interest in people
• Desire to contribute to the good of the wider community
• Motivation to complete the course and have a successful dental career
• Team-working, communication, leadership skills and initiative

**Writing style**

As well as providing examples of your relevant experience and skills, your statement should also show you can reflect on those experiences. It should explain what you learned and how this contributed to your determination to study dentistry and understanding of your own capabilities. Avoid, either, listing examples of work experience or extra curricular activities without explanation as to how they impact on your application, or stating your understanding of the requirements without backing these up with examples of how you meet the criteria.

Remember that your statement is a personal document and should express your own inspirations and reasons for application. Avoid using example statements as a template for your own; many institutions use computer software to check statements for plagiarism!

**Important details**

Taking time to ensure your statement is free of smaller errors will help your content avoid being overlooked. Spelling and grammar mistakes show a lack of attention to detail or care and so reflect badly on your ability to apply these skills as a doctor. Check your application carefully and ask someone else to look over it too, as a pair of fresh eyes can often spot mistakes you may have missed. Write your statement in a different programme, before pasting into your online UCAS form so you can print off versions and make amendments without the risk of submitting before it is ready.

If you’d like a member of the Careers Network Team to look over your application before you submit it, book an appointment with the Careers Adviser or email it via the website.

**What to expect at a GED interview**

Each institution operates a slightly different interview process, details of which are likely to be provided at the time you are invited. You should check individual institutions websites for specific details. Many websites now include statistics regarding the total number of applicants each year, the number called for interview and how many were subsequently offered places to give you some information regarding the level of competition for places. Read all the information provided by the institutions carefully to gain an insight into the kind of format the selection process is likely to take.

**Funding**

Visit the NHS Student Bursaries’ website at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students for more information.

Contact the institutions to which you are intending to apply, to ask whether there are any other funds for which you may be able to apply.

**Further help**

If you’d like further assistance with this, or any other careers related matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. Visit our website for details of the services we offer.

Other useful resources include:

www.bda.org
www.nhscareers.nhs.uk
www.gdc-uk.org