



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, commencing in September, 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 Professional Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy is awarded by the University of Dublin, Trinity College and is a registerable 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 fourteen 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' post-qualification 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 and a negative Hepatitis C antibody test result.

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 to prepare them for their role as a trainer on the course.

Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 22nd May 2018** and successful applicants must be accompanied by their prospective workplace trainer. In addition, their 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:

<https://www.tcd.ie/dental/undergraduate/diploma/orthodontic-therapy/>

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

Closing date: 5pm on Monday 12th March 2018

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