

**Dental Pods Academy**  
**Initial Literacy Assessment**

- Learner Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Personal Statement (200 words maximum), Provide a brief introduction about yourself, including your educational background and any relevant experience. Future Goals and Aspirations

**Additional Information:**

Have you previously worked in a dental setting? If yes, please provide details (roles, duration, etc.).

Are you currently registered with the National Examining Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN)? If yes, please provide your registration number.

Have you previously taken any dental nursing examinations or qualifications? If yes, please provide details.

Do you require any reasonable adjustments for your examinations based on mobility, learning difficulties, or religious grounds? If yes, please specify your requirements.

Confirm what method you will be using to pay for the NEBDN fee:

- Debit/Credit Card Online
- Cheque
- BACS

Note that all final written examinations dates must be confirmed with NEBDN.

**Assessment Administration:** This Initial Literacy Assessment will be sent to applicants via email or post until our online system is complete. Applicants can also download and complete the assessment and email or post it back to Dental Pods Academy 6-6A Cathedral Square PE1 1XH.

This assessment is designed to evaluate an applicant's written and verbal communication skills, which are essential for effective communication with patients and members of the dental team, as outlined in the General Dental Council's (GDC) guidelines.

The written component of the assessment will evaluate the applicant's ability to express themselves clearly and coherently in writing. The personal statement section will assess their ability to provide a concise and well-structured introduction about themselves and their goals.

Applicants who meet the minimum requirements in the written components will be invited for a personal Zoom interview within 2 weeks. During the interview, applicants will be assessed on their verbal communication skills, including their ability to articulate their thoughts clearly, engage in professional dialogue, and demonstrate active listening skills.

The interview will also provide an opportunity to further evaluate the applicant's understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a dental nurse, as well as their commitment to patient care and ethical practice, which are essential components of the GDC's Standards for the Dental Team.

By administering this Initial Literacy Assessment and conducting personal interviews, Dental Pods Academy aims to ensure that all enrolled learners possess the necessary communication skills to interact effectively with patients, colleagues, and other members of the dental team, thereby upholding the standards set forth by the GDC.