The Faculty of Health, Wellbeing and Social Science offers a comprehensive range of courses in Dental Nursing and Pharmacy Studies.

We have courses varying from entry-level to HNC and valuable work experience opportunities with the NHS, our partners and key stakeholders.

Our Dental Nursing programmes begin with Dental Care Assistant for those at the start of their careers, followed by Dental Nursing Preparing for Practice. Both of these courses are entry-level and are short full-time courses (18 weeks in duration). On successful achievement of Dental Nursing Preparing for Practice, you will be eligible to study SVQ 3 in Dental Nursing which then leads on to the PDA in Dental Nursing.

Our pharmacy qualifications include Pharmacy Introduction at entry-level and HNC Pharmacy Services Development and Management. For professionals we have SVQ Level 2 and 3 courses. Our NC in Pharmacy Services is approved by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPC), and is also linked with Queen Margaret University’s pharmaceutical courses. Successful completion of the NC program at Edinburgh College will qualify you for entry onto QMU pharmacy courses (terms and conditions apply). All of our pharmacy courses are delivered in collaboration with the NHS.

Please note – in order to register with the General Dental Council (GDC), students are required to graduate and qualify with both SVQ Level 3 in Dental Nursing and the PDA in Dental Nursing.

FACILITIES

Both dental and pharmacy courses are currently delivered at our Granton campus where we have specialist equipment, laboratories and facilities (we even have a fully functioning dentist’s chair).

Work placement is a key element of both areas and students will move into work activities as they progress through their courses. This work placement will be supported by our work placement coordinator as well as subject staff.

PARTNERS

NHS Lothian
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Edinburgh College’s pioneering course for dental care assistants is aimed at young people, and those with no formal qualifications, the opportunity of a career.

Giving more opportunities to more people makes a healthy dental sector. The introductory Dental Care Assistant course claims to be the first of its kind in Scotland and its first cohort of 33 students completed in January 2016. As well as covering the basics when it comes to dental knowledge, the course includes other essential tuition.

Tom MacGregor, Curriculum Manager for Dental & Pharmacy Studies, explained “Future employment opportunities were at the heart of our thinking when we designed the course. We work very closely with the college’s core skills team to incorporate elements of communication, numeracy and IT – every dental nurse registrant must be equipped with fundamental know-how in these areas.”

Our entry-level courses provide opportunities for young people and for those with no formal qualifications to get a foot on the ladder.

TOM MACGREGOR | CURRICULUM MANAGER
DENTAL & PHARMACY STUDIES
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### COURSE PROGRESSION

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<td>Equivalent to National 4</td>
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### Dental
- **Dental Care Assistant**
- **Dental Nursing Preparing for Practice**
- **Dental Nursing Diploma SVQ 3**
- **Dental Nursing PDA**

### Pharmacy
- **Pharmacy Introduction**
- **Pharmacy Studies Preparing for Practice**
- **Pharmacy Services NC**
- **Pharmacy Services Intensive SVQ Level 3**
- **Pharmacy Services Development and Management HNC**

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**Articulation**
- **Indirect Progression**
- **Direct Progression**
- **Schools College Partnership**

**Employment**
- **As a Dental Care Professional (GDC registration required)**
- **As a Pharmacy Technician (GPHC registration required)**

**Queen Margaret University pharmacy courses**
- Employment as a Pharmacy Technician (GPHC registration required)
Dental Nursing

Dental Nursing PDA

This PDA in Dental Nursing qualification follows on from SVQ 3 in Dental Nursing and is a mandatory requirement for all dental nurse trainees. All trainees are required to achieve both the SVQ 3 in Dental Nursing and the PDA in Dental Nursing qualifications.

SVQ 3 Dental Nursing. Currently employed in the dental industry. A PVG check will be required.

Dental Nursing Diploma SVQ 3

Dental nurses give advice, monitor and reassure patients, and assist in dealing with complaints procedures. If you are looking for a career as a dental care professional this course is for you.

To progress onto SVQ 3 Dental Nursing, all full-time Edinburgh College applicants are required to achieve Dental Nursing Preparing for Practice. A PVG check will be required.

Dental Nursing Preparing for Practice

This short full-time course (18 weeks) is at an intermediate level and is recognised as progression from the Dental Care Assistant course. This course is now the approved progression route onto our SVQ 3 Dental Nursing course. This course covers skills and knowledge relative to the Dental Technology profession.

For progressing students, we require achievement of our Dental Care Assistant course or other Edinburgh College courses with similar content/level. For direct applicants, we require formal qualifications and/or experience in dental/health. External applicants will be considered on merit. A PVG check will be required.

Dental Care Assistant

This short full-time course (18 weeks) is designed for school leavers, young people and adult returners. This course is at an introductory level and covers skills and knowledge relative to the Dental Technology profession. A Dental Technology Assistant will support the role of Dental Technologists in dental technology, laboratories and hospitals.

No formal entry requirements. Candidates must demonstrate an understanding of the dental technicians role, practice good oral hygiene themselves and have strong interpersonal and communication skills. A PVG check will be required.
### Pharmacy

#### Pharmacy Services Development and Management HNC

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<td>This HNC Pharmacy Services is a post registration* qualification and is designed for career progression.</td>
<td>GPC registered as a Pharmacy Technician. Currently employed in the Pharmacy or related industry and be nominated and supported by your employer.</td>
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#### Pharmacy Services Intensive SVQ Level 3

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<td>Course follows on from the NC in Pharmacy Services with a greater understanding of the pharmacy industry.</td>
<td>Pharmacy Services NC. Currently employed in a pharmacy or related industry and be nominated and supported by your employer.</td>
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#### Pharmacy Services NC

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<td>This course will prepare you for the role of a Pharmacy Technician. A Pharmacy Technician is a qualified and registered member of the health care professional team and works alongside pharmacists in the course of administering medicines and pharmaceutical care.</td>
<td>4 National 5 including a Science &amp; English or equivalent. Adult learners with relevant employment/life experience/skills will be considered for entry to this course. Work-based candidates must be employed in a pharmacy technology setting with a minimum of 3 months experience and may require an aptitude test.</td>
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<td>This course is designed to increase your skills if you are employed as a Pharmacy Dispenser or Pharmacy Support Worker working in a hospital or community pharmacy. You will carry out your studies in the workplace to provide evidence required for the SVQ standards.</td>
<td>Minimum 2 passes at SCQF Level 4. You must either be employed as a Dispenser or Assistant Pharmacy Support Worker working in a hospital or community pharmacy setting. To be considered for this course, candidates must be employed in a pharmacy setting and will have been nominated and supported by their employer.</td>
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### Pharmacy Studies: Preparing for Practice

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<td>This short full-time course is a new addition to our pharmacy provision at Edinburgh College and is designed as a progression from our Introduction to Pharmacy course. It is delivered at SCQF Level 5/6.</td>
<td>Direct applicants may be considered if they possess some formal academic qualifications and/or experience in a pharmacy/health-related setting.</td>
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#### Pharmacy Introduction

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<td>This Introduction to Pharmacy course is designed for school leavers, young people and adult returners. This an introductory level course and covers skills and knowledge relative to the pharmacy profession both in hospitals and community pharmacies.</td>
<td>There are no formal entry requirements, however candidates must demonstrate a keen interest in the pharmacy profession/background, practice good personal hygiene and have good interpersonal and communication skills.</td>
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