The Eastman Dental Hospital provides comprehensive oral health services with a focus on specialised treatment needs. Services offered cover the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of all conditions affecting the mouth and associated structures, including the facial bones, jaws and salivary glands, to the correction of facial deformities and treatment of facial fractures as well as the repair of damaged oral tissues and teeth.

The EDH is world-renowned for its specialist services, which include cleft restorative clinics, ortho-perio clinics, orofacial pain and orthognathic clinics.

Together with its partner, the Institute of Dental Surgery, the EDH is a major national and international centre for specialist training and research.

**HISTORY**

The Hospital was founded in 1930 by George Eastman, founder of the Eastman Kodak Company. He set up similar hospitals in New York State, Paris, Stockholm, Brussels and Rome. With the establishment of the National Health Service in 1948, the Eastman became an independent postgraduate teaching hospital and the Institute was established. In 1996 the Eastman Dental Hospital became part of UCLH Trust. The Trust became a Foundation Trust in July 2004.

In addition to The Eastman Dental Hospital, UCLH Trust also includes The Heart Hospital, Hospital for Tropical Diseases, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, The Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine and University College Hospital (incorporating the former Middlesex and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospitals). The UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre is due to open in 2012.

**DEPARTMENTS**

The Clinical Departments cover all aspects of Dentistry and medically related fields. The departments include Endodontics, Facial Pain, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral Medicine, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Periodontology, Prosthodontics and Special Care Dentistry Service units include the Information Centre and Radiology.

**TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR DENTAL CARE PROFESSIONALS**

The hospital runs recognised training programmes for the following dental care professionals:

- Dental Nurses (20 per annum)
- Dental Hygienists (12 per annum)
- Dental Therapists (10 per annum)
EASTMAN DENTAL HOSPITAL

SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE & DENTAL THERAPY

The School of Dental Hygiene opened on its present site in February 1985 after the closure of the School of Dental Hygiene at St. George’s Hospital, Tooting (associated with the Royal Dental Hospital). Eleven students were admitted, twice yearly, to follow a one year training programme. In 1992, the School was expanded and the number of students was increased to fourteen in each intake.

In September 1995, the School commenced its first two-year dental hygiene training programme in line with all other Schools of Dental Hygiene in the United Kingdom.

The dental hygiene student intake is now twelve each year, funded by NHS London.

By June 2011, 395 Dental Hygienists had qualified at the Eastman.

In September 1998, the Eastman began to train dental therapists. A new joint School for Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy was established.

The dental therapy student intake is ten each year, funded by NHS South Central.

By December 2010, 87 Dental Therapists had qualified at the Eastman.

The awarding body for both the Diploma in Dental Hygiene and the Diploma in Dental Therapy is the Faculty of General Dental Practice, Royal College of Surgeons (England).
THE DENTAL HYGIENIST

Dental Hygienists are registered dental professionals who help patients maintain their oral health by preventing and treating dental disease and promoting good oral health practice.

They carry out treatment under written prescription from a dentist.

Dental Hygienists:
- Provide dental hygiene care to a wide range of patients
- Plan the delivery of care for patients to improve and maintain their periodontal health
- Obtain a detailed dental history from patients and evaluate their medical history
- Complete periodontal examination and charting and use indices to screen and monitor periodontal disease
- Provide preventive oral care to patients and liaise with dentists over the treatment of caries, periodontal disease and tooth wear
- Undertake supra-gingival and sub-gingival scaling and root debridement using manual and powered instruments
- Use appropriate anti-microbial therapy to manage plaque related diseases
- Adjust restored surfaces in relation to periodontal treatment
- Place rubber dam
- Apply topical treatments and fissure sealants
- Give patients advice on how to stop smoking
- Take, process and interpret various radiographic film views used in general dental practice
- Give infiltration and interior dental block analgesia
- Place temporary dressings and re-cement crowns with temporary cement
- Take impressions
- Identify anatomical features, recognise abnormalities and interpret common pathology, and carry out oral cancer screening
- If necessary, refer patients to other healthcare professionals
- Carry out domiciliary visits unaccompanied by a registered dentist
- Treat patients under conscious sedation (provided the dentist remains in the room)


REGISTRATION

Having gained the Diploma in Dental Hygiene, Dental Hygienists are entitled to have their names entered in the register of Dental Care Professionals held by the General Dental Council (GDC).

They can then use the title “Dental Hygienist.” An annual retention fee is payable to the General Dental Council for as long as they wish to practice as Dental Hygienists.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

All dental care professionals are required to complete and record 150 hours of continuing professional development every five years, a third of which should be verifiable (50 hours).

This requirement for maintaining registration was introduced in August 1st 2008.
EMPLOYMENT

The majority of Dental Hygienists work in general dental practices in the National Health Service, private sector or for corporate bodies. There are also posts in Specialist Practices, Hospitals, Primary Care Trusts, the Armed Forces and industry and as Tutor Hygienists.

Dental Hygienists may participate in clinical research projects.

Dental Hygienists may practice independently, provided the patient attends with a written treatment prescription from a registered dentist, who has examined the patient.

Additional skills a Dental Hygienist might develop during their career include:

- Tooth whitening to the prescription of a dentist
- Administering inhalational sedation
THE DENTAL THERAPIST

Dental Therapists are registered dental professionals who help patients maintain their oral health by preventing and treating dental disease and promoting good oral health practice. They carry out treatment under written prescription from a dentist.

Dental Therapists:
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- Identify anatomical features, recognise abnormalities and interpret common pathology, and carry out oral cancer screening
- If necessary, refer patients to other healthcare professionals
- Carry out domiciliary visits unaccompanied by a registered dentist
- Treat patients under conscious sedation (provided the dentist remains in the room)

Also:
- Carry out direct restorations on permanent and primary teeth
- Carry out pulpotomies on primary teeth
- Extract primary teeth
- Place pre-formed crowns on primary teeth


REGISTRATION

Having gained the Diploma in Dental Therapy, Dental Therapists are entitled to have their names entered in the register of Dental Care Professionals held by the General Dental Council (GDC). They can then use the title “Dental Therapists.”

An annual retention fee is payable to the General Dental Council for as long as they wish to practice as Dental Therapists.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

All dental care professionals (DCPs) are required to complete and record 150 hours of continuing professional development every five years, a third of which should be verifiable (50 hours). This requirement for maintaining registration was introduced in August 1st 2008.
EMPLOYMENT

Since July 2002, Dental Therapists have been permitted to work in all branches of dentistry. Previously, dental therapists could only work in the Community and Hospital Dental services.

Dental Therapists work in general dental practices in the National Health Service, private sector or for corporate bodies. There are also posts in Specialist Practices, Hospitals, Primary Care Trusts, in industry and as Tutor Therapists.

Dental Therapists may also participate in clinical research projects.

Dental Therapists may practice independently, provided the patient attends with a written treatment prescription from a registered dentist who has examined the patient.

Additional skills which Dental Therapists could develop during their careers include:

- Administering inhalational sedation
- Tooth whitening to the prescription of a dentist

Please note that the Dental Therapy training programme at this School always gives the award of a Diploma in Dental Hygiene in addition to the Diploma in Dental Therapy. This allows a successful candidate to register both titles with the General Dental Council.
TRAINING PROGRAMMES

DENTAL HYGIENE

The School admits twelve students per annum at the beginning of September to a non-residential, full time training programme lasting two academic years.

Students will normally take their final examination to gain their Diploma in Dental Hygiene in June of their second year.

The closing date for applications is 2nd March 2012.

Short-listing will take place towards the end of March and the assessment day/s will be held during late Spring of 2012.

DENTAL HYGIENE & DENTAL THERAPY

The School admits ten students per annum at the beginning of September to a non-residential, full time training programme lasting 27 months.

Students will normally take their final examination to gain their Diploma in Dental Therapy & Diploma in Dental Hygiene in December, 27 months from the start of the course.

The closing date for applications is 10th February 2012.

Short-listing will take place towards the end of February and the assessment day/s will be held during early Spring of 2012.

Successful Dental Therapy students will be awarded a Diploma in Dental Hygiene in addition to the Diploma in Dental Therapy. They will then be entitled to register both titles with the General Dental Council.

Transfer between training programmes is not possible.

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DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAMME

The programme will provide the student with the underpinning knowledge and clinical practice required to achieve the learning outcomes required by the General Dental Council. This is an intensive programme and a considerable amount of private study is required.

Student dental hygienists will be taught alongside student dental therapists for the parts of the programme, which are common to both.

ACADEMIC TEACHING

This includes:

- Biomedical Sciences & Oral Biology (anatomy, physiology and histology)
- Regional anatomy (head and neck)
- Microbiology
- Tooth deposits and stains
- Periodontal diseases
- Dental caries
- Oral pathology
- Oral medicine
- Human disease
- Medical emergencies and their management
- Comprehensive oral care
- Preventive dentistry
- Dental radiography
- Oral health promotion
- Diet and nutrition
- Pain and anxiety control (including local analgesia)
- Complementary and alternative medicine
- Law, Ethics & Professionalism
- Behavioural Sciences & Communication Skills
- Health, Safety & Infection Control

These subjects will be taught in blocks of lectures, tutorials and practical sessions throughout the programme. A full revision programme will also be held.

Full details of the required learning outcomes are available in a document on the General Dental Council web-site: ‘Dental Team Learning Outcomes’

http://www.gdc-uk.org/

These learning outcomes are due to be implemented in training programme and assessments from 2012/2013.

The document replaces the curriculum document ‘Developing the Dental Team - Second Edition (Interim)’

PROJECT WORK

Each student will carry out a project of their choice during the second year of the programme.
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAMME

PRE-CLINICAL TEACHING

The first section of the programme lasts twenty weeks. It includes developing the following clinical skills:

- Patient management techniques
- Techniques of cleaning, polishing and scaling teeth
- The application of prophylactic materials to the teeth
- Oral hygiene techniques

Teaching is carried out in the clinical skills laboratory, classroom and by observation in the clinic.

CLINICAL TEACHING

Clinical work with patients usually begins in the fifth month of the programme. Students will work in the School of Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy clinics and also in other departments of the hospital. Visits may be made to other specialist units outside the hospital. There will also be visits to undertake oral health promotion in local Schools and other venues.

Clinical teaching includes:

- treatment of adults
- treatment of children
- management of medically compromised patients
- care of persons with learning disabilities
- care of persons with physical disabilities
- administration of local infiltration and block analgesia
- dental radiography
- impression taking
- placement of temporary restorations and temporary re-cementation of crowns

ASSESSMENTS

There will be regular written and practical / clinical assessments. There are three main progression assessments during the programme held in:

- January and July of Year 1
- March of Year 2

Having satisfactorily completed the programme of training delivered by the school to fulfil the requirements of the General Dental Council and the Faculty of General Dental Practice, Royal College of Surgeons (England), students are entered for the final examination for the Diploma in Dental Hygiene in May / June, twenty-one months after the commencement of the programme.

The examination is conducted by the Faculty of General Dental Practice, Royal College of Surgeons (England) and includes written examinations and a case presentation of a patient treated by the candidate.

Successful candidates are awarded the Diploma in Dental Hygiene by the Faculty of General Dental Practice, Royal College of Surgeons (England).
**DENTAL THERAPY PROGRAMME**

The programme will provide the student with the underpinning knowledge and clinical practice required to achieve the learning outcomes required by the General Dental Council. This is an intensive programme and a considerable amount of private study is required.

Student dental therapists will be taught alongside the student dental hygienists for the parts of the programme, which are common to both.

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This includes:

- Biomedical Sciences & Oral Biology (anatomy, physiology and histology)
- Regional anatomy (head and neck)
- Microbiology
- Tooth deposits and stains
- Periodontal diseases
- Dental caries
- Oral pathology
- Oral medicine
- Human Disease
- Medical emergencies and their management
- Comprehensive oral care
- Preventive dentistry
- Paediatric dentistry
- Dental materials
- Restorative dentistry
- Dental radiography
- Oral Health promotion
- Diet and nutrition
- Pain and anxiety control (including local analgesia)
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These subjects will be taught in blocks of lectures, tutorials and practical sessions throughout the programme. A full revision programme will also be held.

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The document replaces the curriculum document ‘Developing the Dental Team - Second Edition (Interim)’

**PROJECT WORK**

Each student will carry out a project of their choice during the second year of the programme.
DENTAL THERAPY PROGRAMME

PRE-CLINICAL TEACHING

The first section of the pre-clinical training lasts twenty weeks. It includes developing the following clinical skills:

- Patient management techniques
- Techniques of cleaning, polishing and scaling teeth
- The application of materials to the teeth
- Oral hygiene techniques

The second element of pre-clinical training extends throughout the first year and includes:

- Cavity preparation in primary and permanent teeth
- Placement and finishing of restorations in primary and permanent teeth
- Extraction of primary teeth
- Pulp therapy for primary teeth
- Preformed crowns

Teaching is carried out in the clinical skills laboratory, classroom and by observation in the clinic.

During the first term of the second year, students follow an additional clinical skills course. This includes:

- Management of the deep carious lesion
- Management of trauma to permanent teeth

CLINICAL TEACHING

Clinical work with patients usually begins in the fifth month of the programme.

Students will initially see adult and child patients for preventative and periodontal treatment in clinics in the School of Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy.

Students will provide adult patients with restorative and periodontal care in the third term of the first year.

Treatment of children for restorative care and extractions will begin during the third term of the first year.

Students will treat patients in other hospital departments during their second year.

There will be visits to undertake oral health promotion in local Schools and other venues. There may be visits to other specialists units outside the hospital.

Clinical teaching includes:

- treatment of adults
- treatment of children
- management of medically compromised patients
- care of persons with learning disabilities
- care of persons with physical disabilities
- administration of local infiltration and block analgesia
- dental radiography
- impression taking
- temporary recementation of crowns
DENTAL THERAPY PROGRAMME

During the third term of the second year, all students will further develop their clinical skills during an extended placement within a Primary Care Trust in the South East of England. This placement will be full time and will allow the student to work as part of a primary care team providing a full range of oral care.

PLEASE NOTE: COMPLETION OF THIS PLACEMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT OF THE PROGRAMME

Recent placement locations:

- Bedford & Luton Community NHS Trust
- Buckinghamshire Priority Dental Service - AYLESBURY
- Buckinghamshire Priority Dental Service - MILTON KEYNES
- Buckinghamshire Priority Dental Service - HIGH WYCOMBE
- Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - POOLE
- East Hampshire Primary Care Trust - PORTSMOUTH
- Greenwich Primary Care Trust - GREENWICH
- Southampton City NHS Primary Care Trust – SOUTHAMPTON CITY
- South Downs Health NHS Trust – BRIGHTON

ASSESSMENTS

There will be regular written and practical / clinical assessments. There are three main progression assessments during the programme held in:

- January and July of Year 1
- July of Year 2

Having satisfactorily completed the programme of training delivered by the school to fulfil the requirements of the General Dental Council and the Faculty of General Dental Practice, Royal College of Surgeons (England), students are entered for the final examination for the Diploma in Dental Hygiene & Diploma in Dental Therapy in December, twenty-seven months after the commencement of the programme.

The examination is conducted by the Faculty of General Dental Practice, Royal College of Surgeons (England) and includes written examinations and case presentations of three patients treated by the candidate. Successful candidates are awarded a Diploma in Dental Hygiene & a Diploma in Dental Therapy by the Faculty of General Dental Practice, Royal College of Surgeons (England).
ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1) All applicants must have a minimum of **six** GCSEs (or their equivalent; e.g. Scottish Standard Grades, Irish Learning Certificate, ‘O’ Levels).

These GCSEs **must** include:

- English at Grade B or above
- Dual award Science at Grade BB or above
- Or
- A single Biological Science (Biology, Human Biology, Human Physiology & Health) at Grade B or above

**as well as**

- 4 additional GCSEs in any subjects at Grade C or above

Note: the two subject requirements will not be applied if an applicant holds English and a Biological Science at AS or ‘A’ Level, or equivalent.

2) In addition to the above, all applicants **must** have a minimum of 2 ‘A’ Level passes (Grades A-E).

Preference will be given to those holding at least one Biological Science based subject.

For applicants who do not hold the necessary GCSE and / or ‘A’ Level passes, the following are accepted as equivalents:

- Scottish Highers Grade Passes
- Irish Leaving Certificate (Higher)
- GNVQ (Advanced)
- International Baccalaureate
- Access to Higher Education Course (which must include Biology at Level 3)
- Diploma / Degree in Dental Technology plus ‘A’ Level equivalent Biology
- Dental Nursing Qualification (National, NVQ III) plus ‘A’ Level equivalent Biology
- Academic qualifications gained overseas recognised as equivalent to GCSE and ‘A’ Level qualifications (evidence of equivalence must be provided by the applicant)

For educational qualifications gained outside the United Kingdom, certified English translations of all qualifications **must** be provided.

Demonstration of competence in the English Language is also required for those applicants whose first language is **not** English.

Applicants must provide an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) certificate showing a minimum overall score of 7.0 in the **Academic** IELTS Assessment. Details about IELTS may be obtained from:

The British Council (IELTS Enquiries) 0161 957 7755
Bridgewater House general.enquiries@britishcouncil.org
58 Whitworth Street
Manchester
M1 6BB
NON-ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants MUST be:

1) Be at least 18 years of age

2) Have the necessary occupational health clearance

At present this includes:
   a) Vaccination against Hepatitis B and be able to demonstrate an appropriate level of antibodies.
   b) Hepatitis B antigen (in addition to antibody) testing
   c) Hepatitis C antibody test. If positive, a test of Hepatitis C RNA will be required.
   d) Demonstrate immunity to tuberculosis.

NB: The Department of Health regularly reviews the health checks required for health care workers who will perform exposure prone procedures. This includes dental hygiene and dental therapy students. Students selected for the programme may be required to complete additional health checks prior to formal offer of a place.

Any individual who cannot be cleared to carry out exposure prone procedures will not be accepted for training. Anyone who declines testing will be treated as if infected and will not be accepted for training.

Please note that you are not required to provide this information when submitting your application form to the school. This information will be requested a later date by the Trust Occupational Health Service.

3) Be eligible for an NHS-funded place

To be eligible for NHS support; ALL students regardless of nationality must be able to satisfy the following requirements on the first day of the first academic year of the programme. On that day, all applicants must:

   ✳ be ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the three years preceding the start date, apart from occasional or temporary absences

   AND

   ✳ be ordinarily resident in England on the start date
   ✳ have ‘settled status’ in the UK - within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971. This means that there must be no restrictions on your length of stay in the UK.
   ✳ A person is not classed as ordinarily resident if any part of the 3-year residence was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full time education

If there is any query about eligibility for a NHS-funded place, please contact the School, before submitting an application

For further information, please see the Students’ Grants Website: http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/827.aspx (Section: Eligibility)
4) Be willing to undergo an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check.

In order to protect certain vulnerable groups within society, there are a number of posts within the NHS that are exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. As the post you have applied for falls within this category, it will be exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975.

Applicants for such posts are not entitled to withhold any information about convictions or other relevant criminal record information which for other purposes are "spent" under the provisions of the Act. If you are successful with this application, any failure to disclose such information could result in dismissal or disciplinary action. Any information provided will be confidential and will be considered only in relation to posts to which the Order applies.

From 12 October 2009 under the terms of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act (2006), all positions involving regulated and certain controlled activity with children and vulnerable adults and which are carried out frequently, intensively or overnight will require an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. Where appropriate to the role, the CRB disclosure will include information against the Independent Safeguarding Authority barred lists for working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

Any individual who does not agree to this check cannot be accepted for training.

NOTE:
- The School cannot offer places to fee-paying overseas students
- The School does not offer shortened courses for those with dental hygiene, dental therapy or dental qualifications gained overseas
- It is essential to carefully consider both courses prior to making one choice on the application form
- It is strongly recommended that applicants have taken the opportunity to observe a dental hygienist / dental therapist working in a clinical setting

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust wholeheartedly supports the principal of equal opportunities in employment and opposes all forms of unlawful or unfair discrimination on the grounds of sex, marital status, race, colour, creed, religion, physical disability, mental health, learning disability, age or sexual orientation. It is considered that it is in the interest of the Trust and those who work in it to ensure that the human resources, talents and skills available throughout the community are considered when employment opportunities arise.
**SELECTION ASSESSMENT**

Selection of students for the programmes will involve the following processes:

1. Completion and submission of an application form and **all** required documents before the closing date for the relevant programme

   *Required documents to include photocopies of **all** academic & professional qualifications. **Certified** English translations are required for documents not in English*

   **NB:** It is essential to allow additional time for processing applications where alternative or overseas qualifications are included. It is strongly recommended that at least three weeks extra is allowed for processing

2. Selection assessment

   *This will consist of a personal interview, a clinical scenario discussion and a written assessment*

3. Health clearance by the UCLH Occupational Health Service (see page 15).

4. Criminal Records Bureau Check (**Enhanced**)

5. Satisfactory references

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**Only candidates who fulfil all the basic academic and non-academic entry requirements will be considered for short-listing for selection assessment**

Candidates expecting to fulfil the entry requirements in the summer prior to the commencement of the programme may apply and **may** be considered for short listing depending on the total number of applications.

A **limited** number of applicants fulfilling the basic entry requirements will be invited to selection assessment; based on scoring of all academic and professional qualifications held and grades or predicted grades. Please see page 8 for numbers of applications received and candidates interviewed for recent intakes.

*THE SCHOOL WILL NOT CONSIDER APPLICANTS WHO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS FOR EITHER TRAINING PROGRAMME.*

**Selection assessment will be based on:**

- Confirmation of identity
- Confirmation of qualifications by viewing **original** certificates and translations
- Evidence of appropriate verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstration of knowledge of the role of a hygienist / therapist within the dental team
- Demonstration of understanding of the dental hygiene and/or dental therapy profession & training programme
- Evidence of understanding of successful team working
- Demonstration of understanding of the qualities relating to professionalism

Refer to: [http://www.gdc-uk.org/News+publications+and+events/Publications/Education/Student+Fitness+to+Practise.htm](http://www.gdc-uk.org/News+publications+and+events/Publications/Education/Student+Fitness+to+Practise.htm)
GENERAL INFORMATION

HOURS: Monday to Friday inclusive; currently 0900hrs – 1730hrs.

TERM DATES

Term dates are set prior to the commencement of the programme. Holiday periods are set and will include Christmas, Easter and three weeks in the summer. This is the maximum allowance to enable students to fulfil the attendance requirements of the programme and to cover the content of the curriculum. Attendance at all other times is essential.

Candidates who are unable to commit themselves to this requirement should raise the matter prior to submitting application and at the selection assessment.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Eligibility for programme fees payment and a maintenance bursary is assessed by the Student Grants Unit, Department of Health, Fleetwood. The following information is provided as a guide to eligibility:

Students of any nationality who fulfil the ordinary residence requirements in the British Islands (i.e. three years prior to the start of the academic year in which the programme begins) will be eligible for payments of programme fees by the education commissioning authority and may be eligible for a NHS Maintenance bursary.

The latter is means-tested and is paid at different rates for students living at home and those living away from home. The exact entitlement is not calculated until a student has accepted the offer of a place on the programme. Not all students will be entitled to financial support.

A student will not be eligible if he/she is sponsored by their employer so that his income exceeds the maximum bursary payable.

Students who are nationals of EU countries (other than UK) who have been ordinarily resident within another EU country for three years prior to the start of the academic year in which the programme begins, are usually entitled to payment of programme fees by the education purchasing authority but are not entitled to a maintenance bursary.

Please note that the School is not responsible for calculating the bursary entitlement.

The School will forward the names of successful applicants to the Department of Health, who will send the appropriate information to apply for a bursary to each student. Further details may be obtained from the SGU Website: http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/816.aspx

STUDENT LOANS

Students are also eligible to apply for student loans.

Students must submit applications direct to the appropriate Student Finance body for consideration.

Further details may be obtained from: http://www.slc.co.uk
ACCOMMODATION

The programme is non-residential and students are responsible for finding suitable accommodation with facilities for study.

Application for accommodation (which may include some vacancies in the vicinity of the School), is available to those applicants accepted onto the programme.

UNIFORMS

All students are required to provide and wear work attire of a pattern prescribed by the School.

All students are required to comply with all UCLH Trust uniform requirements for those working in clinical settings. This includes a ‘bare below the elbow’ policy to allow for effective hand hygiene. Clinical gowns will be provided and laundered by the Trust.

Students provide their own footwear, which must be of the style approved by the School.

BOOKS

A list of books needed for the programme will be issued to successful applicants. Students should have all the books suggested before the programme commences.

Students are expected to provide their own stationery and writing materials for the programme.

INFORMATION CENTRE

Opened in 1997, the Information Centre boasts one of the largest libraries of dental texts, relevant journals and records of dental research in the UK. The Centre has contemporary information technology facilities including ready access to over 30 personal computers as well as printing, photocopying and scanning facilities.

The Centre comprises 4 sections - 2 large reading sections, a section dedicated to personal computer (PC)-led activities and a mezzanine housing the journal collection.

Access requires membership of the Information Centre and the possession of an appropriate electronic entrance card.

Annual membership of the Information Centre is automatically provided to all grades of training and qualified clinical staff of the Eastman Dental Hospital.

OPENING HOURS

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<th>Monday - Thursday:</th>
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<td>1st Tuesday of each month:</td>
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I.T. FACILITIES

The School of Dental Hygiene & Dental Therapy offers I.T. access in the Seminar Room. We have 3 PCs designated for student use and all students will be provided with access information details during the first week at the school.

All PCs are USB enabled and students will be provided with an e-mail account and access to the intranet and internet. Students are expected to provide their own paper for printing and to ensure they use only Trust approved memory sticks (available from School Office for a returnable deposit).
**Food**

There is an on-site cafe which offers a selection snacks, sandwiches and hot/cold drinks.

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**Mobile Telephones**

Mobile telephones must be switched off in all clinical areas, seminar rooms and the clinical skills laboratory.

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**Non-Smoking Policy**

The Hospital has a non-smoking policy throughout the site and in the surrounds.

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**Location & Travel**

The Eastman is readily accessible by train, underground railway and by bus.

- **Train**
  
  The mainline railway station of King’s Cross & St Pancras International (including Thameslink for Gatwick and Luton airports), and Euston are 8, and 14 minutes walk away, respectively.

- **Underground**
  
  The nearest stations are: King’s Cross (Victoria, Piccadilly, Northern, Circle, Hammersmith and City and Metropolitan lines), Russell Square (Piccadilly line), Farringdon, (Metropolitan, Hammersmith & City) and Chancery Lane (Central Line).

- **Bus**
  
  London Transport buses number 45, 46 and 17 stop right outside the Eastman.

- **Car**
  
  Car parking spaces are not available to students

**Congestion Zone**

The Eastman Dental Hospital is within the London Congestion Charging Zone.

Students may apply to the Transport for London Student Scheme which provides travel discounts on TfL and National Rail Services within the Greater London area.

Prospective students are welcome to visit the school, during term time, with prior arrangement. Please contact Saliann St-Clair (020 3456 1205 / soht@uclh.nhs.uk) to arrange a time to visit.

A map is provided on the next page.
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