

NIMDTA DENTAL COURSES, EVENTS & SIMULATION

SPRING 2026

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and social care
complaints**
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NIMDTA opportunities
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CONSCIOUS SEDATION
Why not register to be a
supervisor on the Conscious
Sedation Support Network.
Support others who are working
on their portfolio of sedation
patients. Email:
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We hope the longer days are giving you a lift as we head into spring. It's a good moment to pause, reset, and look ahead. NIMDTA is here to support you as you learn, grow and navigate the year.

From April to June, we've lined up a broad mix of dental courses, events and simulation sessions. We're excited to introduce a few brand-new options:

- Practical Veneer Workshops,
- Evening Treatment-planning session with three Restorative Specialists.
- An interactive session on Neurodiversity and Ageing.

Alongside these, you will find all the recommended GDC topics and a range of sessions designed to offer something for everyone.

**DENTAL NURSE
NETWORK**
ON THE MOVE AGAIN
25/04/26 Newry
09/05/26 Coleraine
23/05/26 Cookstown
Join us
Try scope of practice
activities

Questions or Suggestions
Please get in touch at
dentalcourses.nimdta@hscni.net
We're always happy to
hear from you.



GDC UPDATE

Trainee dental nurses to start formal training sooner under new GDC requirements

From 1st June 2026 all new trainee dental nurses must start a recognised training programme within 12 months of starting work

Hands-on courses for DCPs

11.05.26
Alginate impressions
13.30 - 16.30
Craigavon

13.05.26
Intra-Oral Scanning
14.00 - 16.60
NIMDTA

19.05.26
Plaque Indices
09.30 - 16.30
NIMDTA

Some of these activities will be available to try at the the DNN roadshows

Update from the NIMDTA Simulation Fellow

"I have had the opportunity to become embedded in the NIMDTA dental team, working closely with Inter-Sim Fellows in the KN Cheung SK Chin InterSim Centre and with the Oral Surgery Unit at the School of Dentistry, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

It has been a privilege to represent NIMDTA at several conferences. I delivered a workshop at the ASPIH Annual Conference in Bournemouth, a national meeting for simulation professionals across the UK and Ireland. The session highlighted the development of interprofessional immersive simulation focused on neurodiversity and ageing.

I also presented a poster on a case report of an arteriovenous malformation at the ABOMS national conference in Leeds.

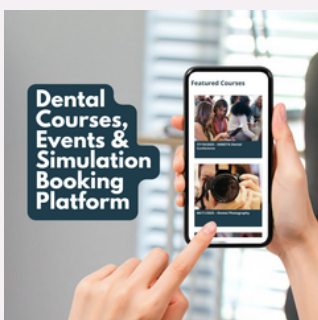
Teaching Dental Foundation Trainees has been particularly rewarding. Supporting their move from undergraduate training to independent practice and helping them refine their skills using the Simodont Suite has been a key part of this experience.

In my current role as Simulation Fellow for Dentistry at QUB, I've carried out a needs analysis on dental student awareness of discrimination and microaggressions. I've also developed a new reflective tool, Three Little Words, to help assess psychological safety during simulation teaching.

I am looking forward to continuing work on equality, inclusion and diversity-focused training, including piloting active bystander training in the months ahead.

Both projects have been accepted for presentation at the SESAM Annual Meeting in Lyon, an international conference on healthcare simulation, and a highlight of the year."

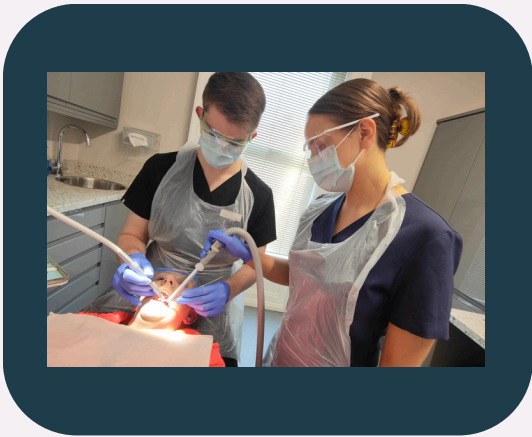
COURSE EVALUATIONS AND CERTIFICATES



To access your evaluation and certificate, please complete the following steps:

- Log in to the booking platform:
<https://nimdta-training.hscni.net/>
- Go to **My Account**
- Select **My Courses**
- Choose the course you attended
- Scroll towards the bottom and click **Evaluation**
- Complete the evaluation

ONCE COMPLETE, YOUR CERTIFICATE WILL BE AVAILABLE UNDER **MY CERTIFICATES**



DO YOU HAVE A TRAINEE DENTAL NURSE?

Are they starting a course in September? Why not give them the skills they need to stay safe and create the building block for completing their course with confidence by sending them on the NIMDTA Trainee 2 day course.

• 20th & 27th April 2026 •

SENIOR DENTAL NURSES - DO YOU FEEL EQUIPPED TO LEAD AND MANAGE YOUR TEAM?

3 DAY NIMDTA DCP LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Develop the skills and acquire knowledge required for effective line management.

- Communication
- Delegation
- Promoting productivity
- Handling team dynamics



Need a new challenge? Join us!

In 2026 NIMDTA is seeking new lecturers and session facilitators.

Do you have an interest in teaching others or would you like to represent and support NIMDTA by facilitating a lecture?

Being part of the NIMDTA team is a great way to share your expertise, build your professional network, and contribute to high-quality education.

For further information and to apply online, please visit <https://jobs.hscni.net/>

Make sure you are registered on our booking platform to receive information about upcoming opportunities happening in 2026.

New rules for health and social care complaints

Did you know that a new statutory framework from 1st January 2026 has replaced all previous guidance on complaints handling?

Find out more from the NI Public Services
[Ombudsman website: link below](#)



Complaints standards for Northern Ireland

Information on our work to create a common set of complaints handling standards for all public bodies.

 Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman



Aging and Neurodiversity Workshop

NEW

This workshop helps dental teams to understand the everyday challenges faced by older patients and neurodiverse individuals.

27th May 2026 @ 18:30 in NIMDTA

COURSES FOR DENTISTS

Treatment Planning in Restorative Dentistry

27 April 2026, 18:30 at NIMDTA

Simon Killough, Derek Hall, Nicola Holland

Join us for an evening session designed to build confidence in assessing dental conditions and developing patient-centred, evidence-based treatment plans. The course covers diagnosis of caries, periodontal status, occlusion, tooth wear and pulpal health, along with practical guidance on evaluating restorability and weighing treatment options.

By the end of the session, participants will be able to apply clear diagnostic processes, tailor plans to individual patient needs, and make informed decisions about long-term prognosis.

Returning to work

Have you had a break from clinical practice?

Join the NIMDTA one stop workshop to get you back in the clinic.

12th May 2026

Conscious Sedation

Get an overview of conscious sedation with Andrew Jones
Morning - Inhalation Sedation

Afternoon - Intravenous Sedation

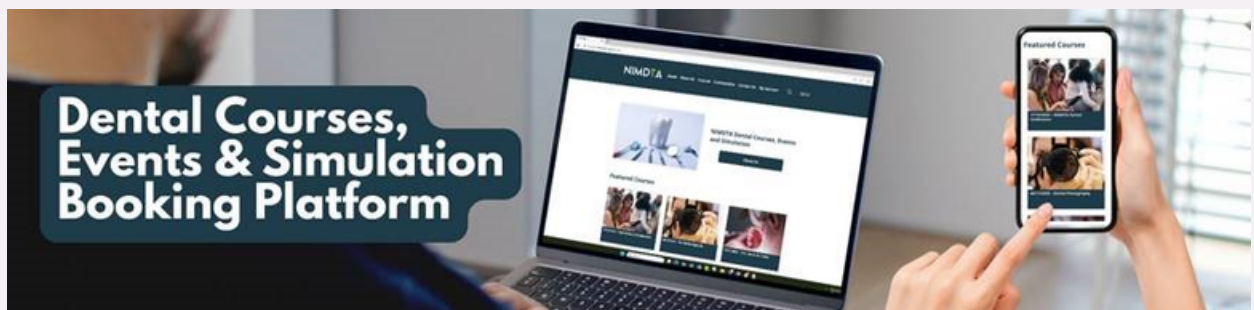
4th June 2026

Composites

Practical hands-on techniques in composite With Rachel Derby, supported by Kulzar.

Anterior: 17th June 2026

Posterior: 18th June 2026



COMING UP!

BOOK
ONLINE

Dental Courses,
Events & Simulation
Booking Platform

WHAT YOUR PHARMACY CAN DO FOR YOU

Tuesday 14 April
13:00-14:00
Online

DENTAL PROFESSIONALS STUDY DAY

Wednesday 15 April
09:30 - 16:30
Londonderry

COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 21 April
18:00 - 20:00
NIMDTA

VENEER WORKSHOPS

Thursday 7 May, Composite
Friday 8 May, Porcelain
09:30 - 16:30
Belfast

BONDED RETAINERS

Tuesday 12 May
18:30 - 20:30
NIMDTA

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Monday 15 June
13:00 - 14:00
Online



FUTURE

COURSES

TRAINING EVENTS IN YOUR PRACTICE

For some practices it is easier to organise training and education to take place in the practice rather than the team having to attend training at various locations.

Currently NIMDTA offer in-practice training on:

- Infection control and decontamination
- Safeguarding
- Radiography
- Sedation
- Combatting stress in Dentistry

BESPOKE TRAINING FOR YOUR PRACTICE

If you would like to organise a CPD event with several GDC recommended topics, held in a local venue, NIMDTA can organise it all on your behalf!

To book an in practice or bespoke training event please visit the Dental courses, events and simulation booking platform where you will also find more information:

<https://nimdta-training.hscni.net/course/in-practice-training/>



NIMDTA Easter closures

NIMDTA will be closed from Friday 3 April 2026 and will reopen on Wednesday 8 April 2026.



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