

Improving your image: Dental Photography in Practice

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The courses have been developed by senior academic staff and their content is quality-assured in line with our other programmes. The courses do not offer credits towards admission to the University of Birmingham.

Improving your image: Dental Photography in Practice

This course promotes the use of digital photography in dental practices, and gives participants the information and techniques to achieve good quality consistent results.

You will cover all aspects of the use of digital photography in dental practice and will be taken through photography from the basics to choosing correct equipment, setting up equipment to optimum settings, techniques for consistent imaging and the safe storage of images.

How to apply

Course will start on January 5th, 2015. [Sign up now \(https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/dental-photography-in-practice?utm_source=UoBsignup&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=UoBdentalmooc\)](https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/dental-photography-in-practice?utm_source=UoBsignup&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=UoBdentalmooc).

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Details

Course knowledge requirements

No previous knowledge necessary, but there will be certain requirements in terms of equipment necessary to complete the course.

Course duration and week by week content

- Session 1: Introduction - Uses of photography in dental practice, course equipment requirements, patient selection/consent and good practice recommendations.
- Session 2: Getting started - Photography demystified, common settings and scene modes in general photography, familiarisation with your camera.
- Session 3: Equipment settings for dental photography - setting up cameras for consistent results, covering all the ideal menu and control settings.
- Session 4: Techniques - Positioning and focus for standard intra oral and extra oral views (full face), course summary and troubleshooting, e.g. post-editing of your images, including rotation and cropping.

Lead Academic



Mike Sharland qualified with a Diploma in Photography in 1971, and spent 6 years working as a Medical Photographer, and 36 years as Head of Multimedia Services at the University of Birmingham School of Dentistry. He is now Technical Lead for Clinical Photography at the University of Birmingham. He has taught Dental Photography to practitioners for over 30 years.

Mike has been dedicated to digital imaging and computing since 2000. He has researched into the use of Photography in dental practice in 2002 and published 4 articles on Digital Photography for the General Dental Practitioner in 2004, and an update article Summer 2008.

Current Postgraduate and Private Courses include Clinical Photography, Image manipulation using Adobe Elements, presentation techniques using Microsoft PowerPoint and basic IT training. Mike is also involved with:

- Undergraduate lectures at the University of Birmingham School of Dentistry
- MSc Training at The Royal College of Surgeons
- Key Client presentations for Denplan
- MSc Webinars for Smile-On
- Training days for Canon Ireland
- DCP Additional Duties training and certification
- Quarterly articles are available at Dentinal Tubules
- Webinars and CPD for Dentinal Tubules

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