Do you want to revisit your Dental Therapist clinical skills and competencies?
We have developed a module to allow you to do just that!

Many dental care professionals already possess a joint dental hygiene and dental therapy qualification, but a large proportion of these do not practise the skills of a dental therapist in their workplace. With the advent of the new NHS dental contract the skills of a dental therapist are becoming a valuable part of the new skill mix structure for the delivery of oral health care in the UK.

We currently deliver both the Foundation degree dental hygienist training programme and a BSc (Hons) dental therapy training programme at the University of Essex from our world class facilities within our Southend Campus. This Therapist Reskill module, taught within the university dental skills laboratory, allows existing qualified dental therapists to consolidate their existing dental therapy skills to a level of contemporary competence and underpins their knowledge so that it is consistent with that of a practising dental therapist.

Learning outcomes
At the end of the module you are expected to be able to:

- appreciate and be competent at the clinical skills required of a dental therapist working in contemporary dental practice in the UK
- have a critical understanding of current UK policy in relation to dental therapy practice
- critically reflect upon your own strengths & weaknesses

Module outline
The module consists of taught sessions by our University of Essex oral health science academic team (which includes dentists and dental therapists) and covers theoretical teaching, demonstration and teaching of clinical skills using simulation in our state of the art dental skills facilities
Assessment strategy
Your performance of a range of competencies will be assessed by observation of progress during practical skills laboratory sessions, where you will be provided with individual focussed feedback to aid your personal development.

Price of module
The cost of this specialist module is £1950.
NB: If a student is unable to demonstrate a competence they will be offered a further period of clinical skills acquisition on simulators in order to demonstrate competency in any failed area.*

Module dates and attendance
Attendance to this module is 2 days a week (Tue and Wednesday) over 10 weeks and the indicative dates for the next running of the programme are 12/7/17 - 13/9/17, making 20 days in total.

Module pre-requisites and how to apply
In order to apply for a place on this module, you will need to provide us with a completed module application form and the following:

- evidence of possession of a qualification recognised by the GDC as sufficient to permit registration with them as a dental therapist, OR
- a GDC assessment letter indicating the learning outcomes that they require you to meet for registration with them as a dental therapist

For further information on this module, please contact

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*Where this is the case a student will be required to pay an additional fee of £250/week pro rata to cover the additional cost of a further supervised study period.