



Apprentice Case Study: Gracie

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Why did you decide to undertake an apprenticeship?

I chose to apply for an Apprenticeship as I believe it is the best option for someone who would like to begin a career in healthcare and to get an understanding for what it's like to work within a team of healthcare professionals in a hospital environment. An Apprenticeship also gives you the opportunity to learn on the job whilst also practising and perfecting your skills with the support of registered healthcare workers.

How do you feel your apprenticeship has benefited you so far, and what has it enabled you to learn or develop?

My Apprenticeship has benefitted me to realise that I enjoy working alongside a team and in a patient focused environment. Additionally, it has benefitted me by allowing me to understand registered professionals job roles by having the opportunity to explore their different roles and responsibilities. Another way my Apprenticeship has been beneficial is because it has helped me realise that I would like to further my healthcare training, I would not have had this realisation had I not done this Apprenticeship.



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What would your advice be to anyone considering undertaking an apprenticeship?

My advice for anyone who is interested in an Apprenticeship would be to have patience with themselves and others. In Cardiology Cath Labs where I am undertaking my Apprenticeship, they had not had an Apprentice in the department before so it is important to try and understand that it is also the staff members in the departments first time too; whilst they are not learning the same things as you, it is as new to them as it is to you. For the Apprentice, it is necessary for them to have patience with themselves with learning different things, as well as feeling like you are a member of the departments team, it may well take time to build concrete skills that help you realise you are making a difference to other people, it personally took me a very long time to realise that the tasks I did genuinely helped make a difference in the department.

What are your plans for once you have successfully completed your apprenticeship?

I have made the decision once I have completed my course, to aim to apply for the 2 year Trainee Nursing Associate course, and further my training into eventually becoming a Registered Nurse.



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