

# Apprenticeships Case Study

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**Team/Base:** District Nurses, Warrington South (Grappenhall)

**What prompted you to become an apprentice/apply for your apprenticeship?**

I wanted to train as a Nursing Associate in order to expand my existing knowledge and skills. My long-term goal is to become a Registered Nurse. This apprenticeship enables me to still bring in a full-time wage to support my family, whilst developing and progressing my career.

**Tell us about your role, what does a typical day look like?**

A typical day within my role involves administering insulin, venepuncture, obtaining specimens, wound care & dressings, double up visits with other members of the team. I have protected learning time in which I work alongside a Registered Nurse in order to learn and practice new skills that I wouldn't be able to carry out unsupervised.

**What is the best thing about your apprenticeship?**

I really enjoy going to university one day a week and acquiring new knowledge and skills with other Trainee Nursing Associates. My team at Grappenhall District Nurses are really supportive, I feel very lucky to work within such a great team of nurses. My regular patients are aware of my apprenticeship and often ask how I am getting on.

**What would you say to others thinking about an apprenticeship?**

Doing this apprenticeship has enlightened me about things I have already done as a Healthcare Assistant but didn't have a thorough understanding of. It is quite overwhelming adapting to academic study whilst working and having a family life – but the end result will open so many doors of opportunity.