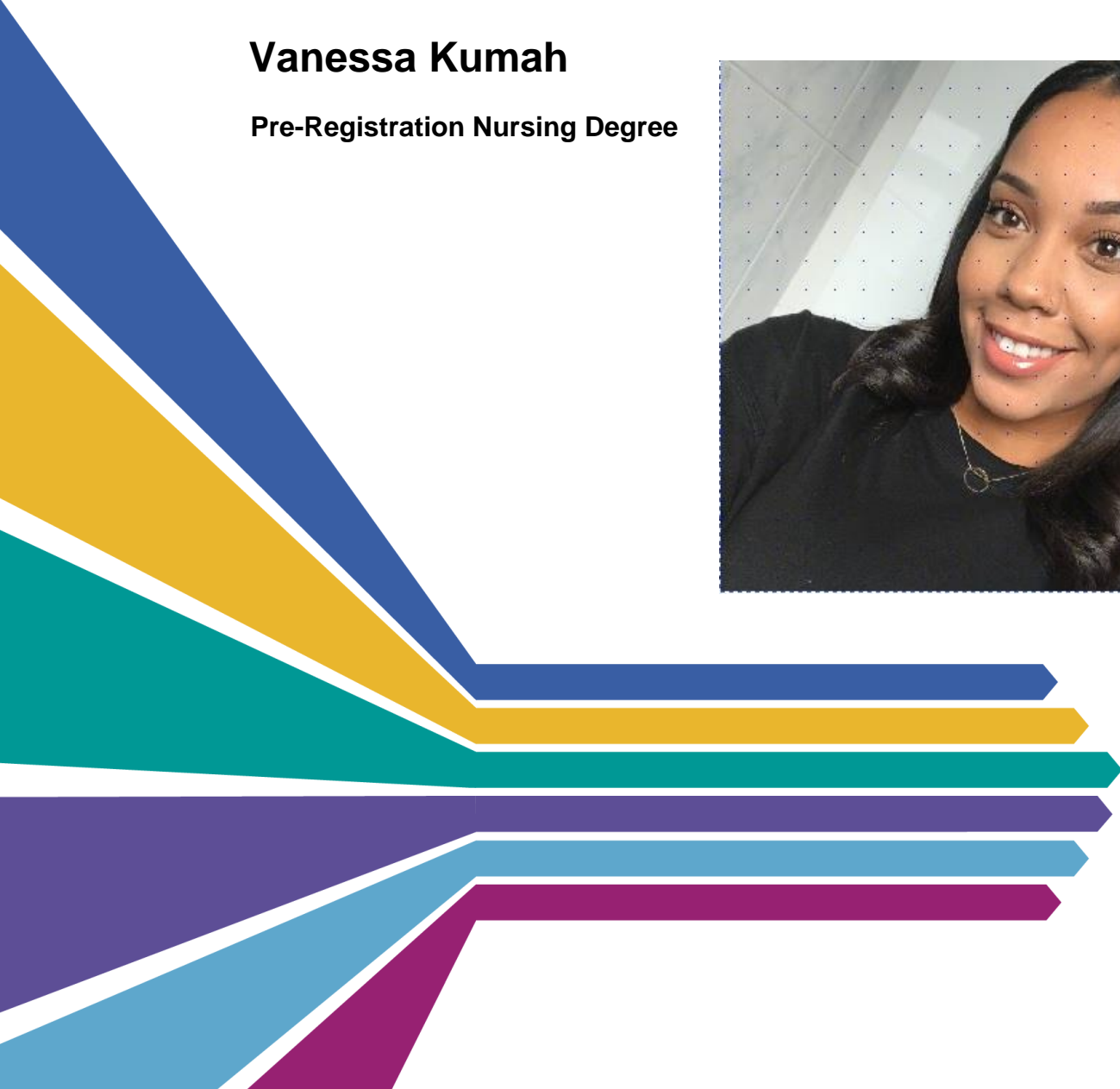


Apprenticeships Case Study

Vanessa Kumah

Pre-Registration Nursing Degree



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

I applied for the Senior Healthcare NVQ L3 Apprenticeship in 2021 because I wanted to start my career in healthcare working for the NHS. This was a great opportunity because it allowed me to work while gaining a qualification.

I had a great experience on my first apprenticeship working for the 0-19 services at Warrington and I felt I was ready to further my career to become a Nurse. I finished that apprenticeship in 2022 and I applied for the Pre-Registration Nursing Degree.

I was so happy to receive one of the places for the apprenticeship and knew that Bridgewater had a great support network to help me with my higher education degree.

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

I go to Liverpool John Moore's University where I am completing the two year accelerated pre-registration degree. Each day is very different, no day is the same as we are constantly learning new things, practicing clinical skills and listening to quest speakers.

The course is 50% theory and 50% practical, when I'm in theory I am in university four days a week and have a protected study day in the week. The university has been amazing, they have a range of great facilities to use to help with both practice and theory.

I go on placements throughout the year at different hospitals and trusts which I have been really enjoying as this has given me the opportunity to learn about all aspects of nursing while enhancing my clinical skills.

What is the best thing about your apprenticeship?

I think the best thing about this apprenticeship is that it gives you an opportunity to meet some great healthcare professionals both in university and in placements, who are always willing to help and I feel like you can learn a lot from them to make the most out of the apprenticeship.

I feel that I've been really supported by Bridgewater, the PEF teams and the university, who are always checking in to make sure I'm on track to complete my degree. I'm looking forward to finishing my degree and starting my first role as a Nurse with Bridgewater.