

# Apprenticeships Case Study

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

I have always had a job with the opportunity to learn new skills. I have come to realise I enjoy continuing to learn so decided I needed to push myself. I learn better when I am getting involved hands on rather than being in a classroom all the time.

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

I am a podiatry assistant apprentice; I start my day at 9am by getting my clinic ready by cleaning touch points and setting up the clinic and equipment I need for the day. I do 16 low -risk diabetic foot screens in a day. This involves communicating with the patient about their foot health, being hands on and giving any advice needed. I check the demographic details are up to date with the patient and update if required. I then enter an accurate account of the appointment. I finish the day by cleaning down.

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

The obvious good thing is getting paid while learning but for me the hands-on experience is the best thing, watching a podiatrist at work and listening to the advice they give is a great opportunity and has supported me to make this career change later in my working life. Having the support of a team to help me learn is invaluable.

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

I was nervous at the start but now after less than 6 months I feel I have learnt so much with the support of so many people from the apprenticeship team, the podiatry team and college so I would say do not let nerves get in the way and as I am a mature student you are never too old to learn.

