

Apprenticeships Case Study

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

I wished to become an advanced practitioner in the future and the trust has kindly supported me to undertake this apprenticeship programme to develop advanced skills whilst still doing my job.

Additionally, I wanted to have an opportunity to gain practical experiences in my trust that will build on my academic learning.

Finally, I wish to continue working for the trust providing service-users with advanced clinical expertise, evidence-based and safe care.

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

I assess and treat a variety of patients, adults, and children, who present to me with acute or chronic musculoskeletal conditions. I refer patients to advanced clinicians for injections, investigations, and advice on further management. I refer patients with chronic low back pain to a pain management service. I offer patients referrals to different class-based exercises, do health promotion session with them, refer to weight management, smoking cessation services, Warrington wellbeing and Livewire.

What is the best thing about your apprenticeship?

The best thing is that I can apply my academic knowledge into practice regularly and build my practical skills with the help and support of my mentors.

What would you say to others thinking about an apprenticeship?

I would say that the apprenticeship is an excellent way of gaining academic and practical skills for the future. Additional advice would be that you need to be organised to plan your clinical supervisions, practical sessions and other shadowing sessions in advance.