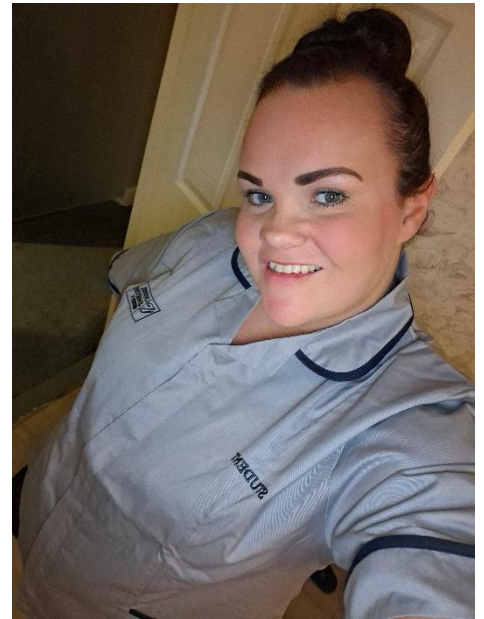


# Apprenticeship Case Study

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**What were you doing in terms of career/education prior to your apprenticeship?**

I was working as an HCA with the Dermatology service in Warrington before applying for this apprenticeship opportunity.

**What made you apply to undertake this apprenticeship?**

I was looking to progress in my career and gain the experience and knowledge needed to do this.

**What kind of support do you have from others whilst undertaking your apprenticeship? (e.g. College, uni, managers or peers)**

I have been surrounded by a lot of support ranging from the PEF and the education team, University tutors, my new team in district nursing and my old team in Dermatology. I have never felt that I could not ask any of these people a question about my studies or new role which has really helped and is building my confidence in my own capabilities.

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

I have met an amazing group of fellow apprentices, we really help and spur each other on. I also really appreciate the fact that on the apprenticeship programme I am being funded to gain a foundation degree.

**What is the most challenging part of your apprenticeship?**

The initial transitioning period was difficult however I feel I have been supported when I have raised any issues. I would also say being out of any kind of academic studies for a long time was very daunting at first, but I have received so much positivity that it has really helped me to start believing in myself.

**How do you feel your apprenticeship has/or will influence your career path or future goals?**

I honestly do not believe I would not have been able to secure a place in university if it was not for the apprenticeship due to funding, being an apprentice is amazing as you are earning whilst you learn. My apprenticeship has started to give me belief in myself that I can achieve my goals.

**What advice would you give to others who were considering applying for an apprenticeship?**

Absolutely go for it! It will open so many doors that you may not even realise are there to begin with. It will require hard work and dedication, however you will be so proud of yourself when you start achieving your goals.