

Case study: Health and Social Care Apprentice

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Why did you choose Social Care?

I have looked after family members in the past and also have friends who have gone into Social Care and enjoyed it, so I applied for an Apprenticeship position.

What have you learnt since starting your Apprenticeship?

A variety of things – I have learnt how to care for someone on a day to day basis, about confidentiality, equality and diversity and caring for adults with a learning disability as I have never worked with learning disabilities before.

How do you feel you have benefited personally from completing an Apprenticeship?

I now appreciate how difficult it is to get around when you have a disability, such as avoiding high kerbs and road works; you are constantly looking to avoid obstacles. I feel more confident with the people I look after, it feels natural to do it now. I have more patience and am calmer.

Would you recommend completing an Apprenticeship?

Yes, I would as you can get a qualification out of it, and your foot in the door in a workplace, and first-hand experience of the job role. You do get time for your course work in your working hours so this was a good thing. Completing an Apprenticeship gives you another string to your bow.

What are your plans for the future?

I have gained a full time job from completing my Apprenticeship and would like to go on to do my Level 3 and Level 4 qualifications and work my way up the ladder.

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