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Why did you choose to study an apprenticeship?

I chose to study an apprenticeship as I wanted to be able to apply the theory I learnt at university on the job. Looking back, I think this was the catalyst to allow me to develop in my role and progress my career quicker. I also chose this route as it was an accelerated programme allowing me to achieve my degree quicker and this route also allowed me to complete the RICS APC and successfully achieve chartership status (with a lot of hard work!).

Looking back over your time on the apprenticeship so far, how have you found the whole experience?

The experience has been extremely worthwhile but challenging from time to time. Working a full-time job, completing the RICS APC alongside completing a degree requires dedication and time commitment; not to mention having a social life too! With that being said, it is more than achievable. You will learn a lot along the way!

How would you describe the support that you've received from the University of Salford?

The main support received from the university was having a dedicated link tutor throughout the process. The progress meeting each quarter were useful to ensure deadlines were met and you had all the support you needed in place to succeed. This provided structure and ensured you held accountability throughout to meet the small deadlines to enable you to complete both the degree and APC.

What has been your proudest achievement on your apprenticeship to date?

Passing the RICS APC first time, which in turn has allowed me to now become an RICS Counsellor to another surveyor at Wates who is undertaking a similar degree alongside completing the APC.



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What do you want to do once you complete your apprenticeship?

I have been working at Wates for 5 years now alongside completing the degree apprenticeship and I continue to progress my career here. Now I have completed my degree, I have enrolled onto a Masters at the University of Salford in construction law and dispute resolution which I am completing after work in the evenings.

What would you say to someone considering an apprenticeship?

Take the opportunity to progress your career in the sector you are studying. Experience is invaluable. Don't be phased by the workload. Ask lots of questions and take advantage of working with some of the best professionals in the industry; use their knowledge! Be enthusiastic and open for a challenge.

What advice would you give to other women who are interested in pursuing a career in construction?

Within the five years I have worked in the industry, the industry is constantly improving. It is a safe environment and a place for women to thrive. Don't be intimidated, times are changing, and perceptions are now different. For anyone starting their career, remember to be confident and remember the value you have to offer. The construction industry is traditionally male dominated, and the perception of this environment can be intimidating for young females who are aspiring to careers within this sector, but it is important for females to know that the industry has changed.