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APPRENTICE CASE STUDIES

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HOLLY ANDERSEN

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PHYSIOTHERAPY

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Why did you choose to study an apprenticeship?

It was the most financially viable way for me to complete the degree. It also has allowed me to develop my current skills within the workplace, working with qualified therapists within the profession has enabled me to really put the theory into practice. It has been so advantageous to have therapists on hand to answer any questions regarding my learning.

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

At first, I found it a little overwhelming adjusting to a new routine and trying to balance work and learning. However, this did not take long for me to adjust. I have found the whole experience positive! It is amazing to be able to learn whilst working!

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

The tutors at Salford are all lovely and positive people! I have a learning mentor assigned to me but all the team I have found are happy to help! My fellow students within my cohort are all lovely and like-minded too! We have a whatsapp group where we all support and motivate each other!

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

Shortly after enrolling onto the apprenticeship, I was awarded the Lancashire & South Cumbria AHP Support worker of the year award. I don't think I would have been nominated if it wasn't for the apprenticeship as I have been continually developing my skills which I believe had led me to achieving this award.



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

Relax into a Physiotherapy Role! Closer to the time I will consider my options and perhaps look at undertaking a masters degree in a specific area of Physiotherapy.

What would you say to someone considering an apprenticeship?

I would 100% recommend it! Please be prepared to undertake work and study requirements! It can be challenging at times, but if you organise your time well, it is so worth while!

Do your research, speak to past and current apprentices. Speak to colleagues within different physiotherapy areas to get a feel for the different specialities/areas. Where possible, spend time and shadow different areas to really get a feel for it!