

# BECOMING A REGISTERED NURSE - MEET THE APPRENTICE



**Meet Becky Short, a Level 6 Registered Nurse Degree apprentice working at Dorset Healthcare University Foundation Trust.**

We spoke with Becky about her journey to become a Registered Nurse Degree apprentice, keep reading to find out.

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## **Why did you want to do the Nurse Degree Apprenticeship?**

I had been working in mental health for the last 10 years and saw this fantastic opportunity to develop and further my career in this field. I always knew I wanted to pursue a career in Mental Health Nursing and have always been told I would make a brilliant nurse. With the encouragement of my colleagues and a bit of self-confidence I applied and was so happy I did as so far I am gaining so much from it.

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## **How have you benefitted from the Nurse Degree Apprenticeship?**

I have had the opportunity to expand my knowledge across a wide range of settings and placements and met some very influential health care professionals as well as patients who have given me valuable learning experiences and allowed me to develop as I continue my journey to becoming a qualified Mental Health Nurse. The benefits of this training also mean that I can work and train simultaneously and have the financial security throughout the whole process which has been helpful and reassuring.

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## **What have been your biggest challenges / successes?**

My biggest challenge personally has been trying to juggle my 2 small children alongside training and working most of the week. It has been an adjustment but I am managing this and keeping organised with my time which works for me.

My biggest successes would be the positive feedback I am receiving from health professionals, colleagues and patients during my placements which gives me the confidence to know I am definitely doing the right thing in pursuing my training. I am also receiving positive marks and personal feedback from tutors for the academic work I am completing which again gives me the self-confidence and self-belief as well as the motivation to continue my training.