

National Apprenticeship Week 2021

Nursing Apprenticeship Pathway



1. What is your name?

Nuno Machado

2. Where do you work?

North Bristol NHS Trust, on Ward 26B – Medicine – Stepdown Cardiology.

3. Which apprenticeship are you doing and what does the study involve?

Trainee Nursing Associate. This is a 2 year apprenticeship, which includes a Foundation Degree and upon completion, means I will have a registered PIN with the NMC.

Even though I have a CAD/CAM engineering degree from Portugal, I decided to embrace a challenge and start a new career in a field that I always felt passionate about – healthcare.

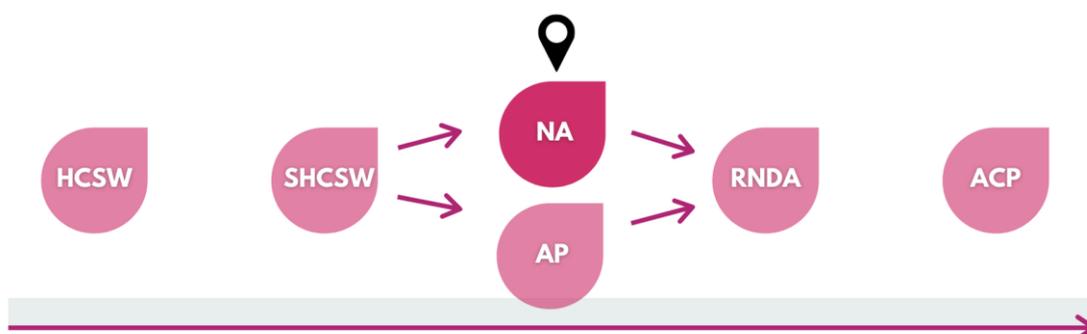
4. What does your job role involve?

During my employment, I have learnt how to handle various medical and operational situations professionally and efficiently using my acquired knowledge and any available resources.

I work as part of a team, delivering health and social care that focuses on the direct needs of service users, carrying out specific clinical tasks and responsibilities as delegated by registered practitioners. This also includes maintaining an effective communication with patients, relatives and members of the multi-disciplinary team regarding all aspects of care demonstrating a variety of communication skills in accordance with the patient group.

5. Why did you want to do an apprenticeship?

I am passionate about healthcare and I have always wanted to pursue a career in this field. Previously I had acquired all the necessary healthcare related certification and finished my NVQ3 diploma in Adult Care with Merit, which meant I could progress to the Nursing Associate apprenticeship.



With the aim of continually improving my skills, knowledge and performance in this field of work, in February 2019, I moved from Plymouth to Bristol and started a Healthcare Assistant band 2 role in Southmead Hospital. Here I was given the opportunity to apply to the Nursing Associate programme, and after being successfully accepted, in April 2019 I started the Nursing Associate FsDC degree, at the University of the West of England (UWE).

6. What do you want to do once you qualify?

My objective is to go further and pursue a career progression as a Registered Nurse. Therefore, following my line manager and UWE programme leader advice, I have already applied for the Nursing (Adult) top-up at the University of the West of England (UWE) 2021 September cohort.

