

# EPA FLEXIBILITY ALLOW 82 NURSING ASSOCIATE APPRENTICES TO COMPLETE AT TESSIDE UNIVERSITY

From 9th April The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) has been supporting new flexibilities for Registered Nurse (RN) Degree Apprentices and Nursing Associate (NA) Apprentices that were due to complete End Point Assessment (EPA) this summer, but due to Covid-19 had been unable to take their EPA.

The new flexibilities have meant that for those apprentices who meet the requirements they will be regarded as having met the End Point Assessment (EPA) and have achieved their apprenticeship.

The success of the Covid-19 EPA flexibility can be seen in the North East, where 62 Nursing Associate Apprentices will now be able to achieve their apprenticeship with Teesside University, with a further 20 apprentices due to benefit from the EPA flexibilities in June.

These apprentices will be able to now enter the workforce and add their vital contribution to the NHS. Teesside University say this is a positive outcome for both the learners and their employers

***“At Teesside University we welcome the flexibility and changes to the EPA for Nursing Associate. We have worked closely with our partners from across the North East to complete apprenticeships and enable qualified professionals to enter the workforce to support the current pandemic.”***

Linda Nelson, Associate Dean

***“I was really worried about how I would cope as a front line TNA under the immense pressure of the Covid-19 pandemic and, how I would cope and prepare for our EPA; the flexibility shown has alleviated a lot of my stress and the pressures felt at this difficult time.”***

TNA apprentice