

From Care Certificate to Apprenticeship



We spoke with Annamaria Horvath a Trainee Nursing Associate at St Georges Hospital who has completed the Care Certificate and the Higher Development Award (HDA).

What were you doing when you completed the Care Certificate?

I started at St Georges on a Trauma and Orthopaedic Ward in 2018 and completed the Care Certificate straight away. I really enjoyed doing it, meeting other colleagues and getting support from my team to complete it. I used the workbook and I learnt together with colleagues when I was with patients. I feel the Care Certificate is a crucial basis to education and patient care, it also made me aware of my ability to learn.

What made you apply for the Higher Development Award?

A short time after completing the Care Certificate I saw advertised the Higher Development Award and also the Trainee Nursing Associate role. I began to apply for the HDA and had to complete the L3 English aspect of Functional Skills as Naric had already converted my maths qualification from Hungary as equivalent to A level. I absolutely enjoyed completing the HDA, it really improved my confidence – that was the main thing about it. I was happy to be developing myself to prepare me for completing the Trainee Nursing Associate apprenticeship interview and role.

What are you doing now?

I completed the HDA in August and started the Trainee Nursing Associate programme in September 2020. With the Covid epidemic it has given extra challenges but I am now back on my own ward having completed my first placement this past December.

"I am feeling very proud that during the last year I have been able to complete the Care Certificate and then start and complete the Higher Development Award which enabled me to enrol onto the Trainee Nursing Associate apprenticeship."

The HDA enables people to gain the confidence, academic credits and functional skills they need to progress in their careers.

CARE CERTIFICATE

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

HIGHER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

NURSING ASSOCIATE APPRENTICESHIP