

# FEATURED APPRENTICE

## CHRIS BROWN REGISTERED NURSE (DEGREE) APPRENTICESHIP



**Meet Chris Brown, a Level 6 Registered Nurse Degree apprentice working at Sirona Care & Health.**

We spoke with Chris about his journey to become a Registered Nurse (Degree) apprentice, keep reading to find out.

### WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU STUDYING AND WHAT DOES THE STUDY INVOLVE?

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I am studying for a BSc (Honours) Nursing Degree Apprenticeship which involves a mixture of theory and practice placements and is 4 years long. I previously studied Sports Science at college and it was during a placement coaching adults with learning disabilities that I decided this was the career path for me.

### WHAT DOES YOUR JOB ROLE INVOLVE?

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My current job role as a healthcare assistant at the Community Learning Disability involves supporting adults with learning disabilities to access mainstream health services. This involves working alongside these services to produce accessible information and training. It also involves working under the nurses' supervision to deliver specific pieces of work such as supporting individuals to attend appointments.

### WHY DID YOU WANT TO DO AN APPRENTICESHIP?

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I was looking for an opportunity to further my development in this field of work after discovering that working with adults with learning disabilities was my passion. I wanted to be able to study alongside my current job as I enjoy it and see it as a great environment for learning that should complement any studies I do. Doing an apprenticeship allowed me the flexibility to do this and it feels fulfilling to be working towards a goal and be more of an asset to the team and the people I support in the future.

### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO ONCE YOU QUALIFY?

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Once I qualify I would like to work as a learning disability nurse for the Community Learning Disability team and use the knowledge I learnt during my apprenticeship along with my knowledge of the team and job role to have as much of a positive impact as possible.