

# FEATURED APPRENTICE

## KATE FARRINGTON ASSISTANT PRACTITIONER APPRENTICESHIP



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Plymouth

Meet Kate Farrington, a Level 5 Assistant Practitioner (Health) apprentice working at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust.

We spoke with Kate about her journey as an Assistant Practitioner apprentice working in the Respiratory Physiology team, keep reading to find out.

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

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The apprenticeship I'm studying is the Level 5 Assistant Practitioner; I'm learning how to perform lung function tests with patients and beginning to understand the reporting of the tests. I will also develop knowledge on a wide variety of respiratory conditions and illnesses.

I'm working closely within the respiratory sleep service; this involves performing a variety of sleep studies to diagnose the type and extent of disorders, as well as gain knowledge on interpretation of the different sleep studies.

### WHAT DOES YOUR JOB ROLE INVOLVE?

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Working with the Respiratory Physiology team I cover both Lung Function and Sleep Clinics, I am learning how to use specialist equipment to perform basic diagnostic investigations with patients. My job role also includes sterilisation of equipment and general administrative duties for the respiratory team.

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

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I want to progress within my role and gain higher qualifications whilst still working hands on within the trust and with patients.

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

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When I finish these qualifications I hope to work with the Lung Function team as a Level 5 Assistant Practitioner.

My aim is to become a Registered Respiratory Physiologist.