

# FEATURED APPRENTICE

## MICHAEL WOTTON NURSING ASSOCIATE APPRENTICESHIP



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**Meet Michael Wotton a Level 5 Nursing Associate apprentice working at Derriford Hospitals in the University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust.**

We spoke with Michael about her journey to become a Nursing Associate apprentice, keep reading to find out.

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

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I'm currently on a Trainee Nursing Associate (TNA) apprenticeship. I am on my first placement, Stonehouse Ward (Surgical).

My apprenticeship involves 30 hours a week clinical work on the ward and 7.5 hours a week at university – currently on zoom!

I have completed a level 2 apprenticeship as a health care assistant at Derriford hospital on the Bracken Unit, which I had learnt so much from and managed to use all my skills to progress onto the TNA apprenticeship.

### WHAT DOES YOUR JOB ROLE INVOLVE?

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My current job role involves working alongside registered nurses and health care assistants, my role bridges the gap between the two and supports both aspects of nursing and health care assisting. Using my previous skills as a HCA has been beneficial in supporting my patients and learning new skills from a nursing point of view.

My role started September 2020, I will have 4 different placements in the hospital for 6 months each, where I will be assisting my patients on medication rounds under supervision for 2 years, complete paperwork and liaise with the multi-disciplinary teams for a successful discharge.

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

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I really enjoyed my first apprenticeship with Derriford, the skills I learnt whilst being paid was a fantastic opportunity along with the apprenticeship I am currently on. It's great to learn on the job as well as study sessions, these can be vitally important to learn in-depth knowledge about certain studies then use these skills in your clinical area.

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

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On the successful completion of my Trainee Nursing Associate role, I would like to progress onto my final apprenticeship with a goal of becoming a Registered Nurse.