

# Sharon Maywood

## Level 6 Registered Nurse Degree (NMC 2018)



### North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust

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Registered nurses work in the public, independent and voluntary sector. The broad purpose of the occupation is to play a vital role in providing, leading, coordinating and evaluating care that is compassionate, evidence based, and person centred. Registered Nurses are accountable for their own actions and those who they delegate to and must be able to work autonomously, or as an equal partner with a range of other professionals. They provide nursing care for people across the whole lifespan who could have complex and concurrent mental, physical, cognitive and behavioural care needs and for people at the end of their life.

Meet Sharon Maywood who works at North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust.

Sharon recently completed her Level 6 Registered Nurse Degree (NMC 2018) apprenticeship and won a national Our Health Heroes award for the Breakthrough Apprentice of the Year category. Keep reading to find out more about Sharon's experiences.



## 1. What apprenticeship are you studying and what does it involve?

My first apprenticeship was the Level 5 Nursing Associate (NMC 2018) apprenticeship. My second apprenticeship was the Level 6 Registered Nurse Degree (NMC 2018) apprenticeship.

## 2. Why did you want to do the apprenticeship?

I wanted to achieve my goal of becoming a registered nurse

## 3. What is your current role?

I am currently a Band 5 Registered Staff Nurse.

## 4. How did you get into your current role?

I joined my trust as a HCA (Healthcare Assistant) with the aim of training to become a registered nurse. My manager approached me to join the Nursing Associate Scheme which I completed. Almost immediately I joined the Nursing Apprenticeship, during the second year, to complete my 'Top-up' to Band 5.

## 5. What has been your proudest achievement on your apprenticeship to date?

Qualifying as a Nursing Associate! I had to 'dig deep' within my reserves to continue working throughout my chemo and subsequent treatment. I did not want to delay my training and was adamant that I wanted to complete the course alongside my cohorts. It was a tiring time but looking after patients definitely helped me to keep going forward with a spring in my step!

## 6. What do you want to do once you complete your apprenticeship?

As a registered nurse I want to continue to provide my patients and their families with quality patient centred care. Hospital stays can be quite scary and intimidating for many and I try to interact with my patients in a way that makes them feel more at ease in the hope that they can leave hospital having had a positive experience.



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## 7. What would you say to someone considering an apprenticeship?

I would encourage anyone to do an apprenticeship! It is a fantastic way to gain your qualification and develop your skills. As an apprentice employee I always felt fully supported with allocated mentors to work alongside as well as receiving frequent visits from our learning development team. This meant that if I ever had any issues there was always someone there to help and assist. The added benefit also is that you get to earn while you learn!

**Skills for Health's Our Health Heroes Awards 2022 celebrates remarkable individuals in the health and social care sector. Sharon Maywood was the Gold Winner in the Breakthrough Apprentice of the Year category.**

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