

Daniel Weitzel Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust



Daniel Weitzel is a Nursing Assistant at Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. We spoke to Daniel recently about his experiences of the Care Certificate, keep reading to find out more.



What is your current role ?

I am a Nursing Assistant

How did you get into your current role?

I have been a care assistant in the past and wanted a way in to start my journey to becoming a nurse, this role was a perfect foot in the door if you will.

What were you doing when you completed the Care Certificate?

Completing administration tasks mainly, a non-patient facing role, but very patient active answering phones and dealing with patient's enquiries etc as well as assisting nurses in any administration duties.

What did you like about the Care Certificate, has it helped you in your role?

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The Care Certificate is an identified set of standards that health and social care workers adhere to in their daily working life. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Care Certificate.

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Have there been any challenges?

While undertaking the care certificate, I was being diagnosed with Dyslexia as well as Dyscalculia. Although this wasn't a challenge for the care certificate per se, it did make it a slight bit difficult because of the personal challenges it brings, difficulty reading/spelling etc. But this made the experience even more beneficial as it was a big thing to overcome and complete while dealing with these learning difficulties.

What are you doing now?

I am currently still doing the Nursing Assistant role, with ambitions on becoming a nurse in the future. Having gained vital information from doing the care certificate, it has given me the confidence that I am chasing the right dream!



Any other thoughts?

The best part of this experience is the kind and helpful staff that assist throughout the course, Cheryl and Amelia have both been stars and have helped massively and only encouraged me to stride forward regardless of my learning difficulties etc. Without that support I might have struggled a lot more and would have felt put off but I got the complete opposite and couldn't be more thankful!



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