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Natasha Savage is undertaking a Level 5 Nursing Associate (NMC 2018) apprenticeship standard at Oswald Medical Centre.

We spoke to Natasha recently about her experiences of undertaking an apprenticeship, keep reading to find out more.

What apprenticeship are you studying and what does the study involve?

I am currently undertaking the Trainee Nursing Associate (TNA) Apprenticeship.

What is your current job role and how did you get into your current role?

I am currently a Trainee Nursing Associate. I worked at Oswald Medical Centre as a Lead Care Navigator and Phlebotomist. I expressed my interest in progressing to become a Nurse, my practice manager suggested this course which would allow me to progress and continue working for the practice.

What have been the biggest challenges?

Work, life balance. Working full time alongside completing assignments and learning new skills daily within practice has been a challenge.

What has been your proudest achievement on your apprenticeship to date?

Completing placements in field areas that I have never had exposure to before, and discovering new skills which I can bring back to practice.

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What do you want to do once you complete your apprenticeship?

I would like to complete a further apprenticeship to become a Registered Nurse.

What would you say to someone considering an apprenticeship?

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