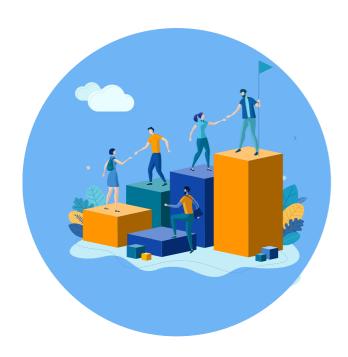


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# JESSICA SMITH IRWELL MEDICAL GROUP



Jessica Smith is undertaking a Level 5
Nursing Associate (NMC 2018)
apprenticeship standard at Irwell
Medical Practice.

We spoke to Jessica 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 to become a Nursing Associate. This involves studying at university 1 day a week, and spending the rest of the time at a base placement.

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

I am currently a Trainee Nursing Associate. I started as a Healthcare Assistant and was then given the opportunity through my employer to commence the TNA course.

# What have been the biggest challenges?

The biggest challenge has been balancing work and studying, alongside family time.

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

Passing all exams and assignments so far with high grades and gaining lots of knowledge and experience at work.



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

I would like to top up to be a Registered Nurse but gain some experience as a Nursing Associate first.

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

Ensure you give yourself plenty of time with assignments and do little and often.

## **Any final comments?**

Irwell Medical Practice has been a brilliant employer and along with UCLAN (University of Central Lancashire ) has been a great support network.

Learn more about the L5 Nursing
Associate (NMC 2018) apprenticeship

Visit our <u>Primary Care page</u> for resources and guidance. Our <u>Funding page</u> also provides guidance on funding rules and transfer levy.