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Sharon Turner is undertaking a Level 6 Registered Nurse Degree (NMC 2018) apprenticeship standard at Thursby Surgery.

We spoke to Sharon 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 studying the Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship.

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

I am currently a Nursing Associate in a GP Practice. I progressed from receptionist to HCA (Healthcare Assistant), completed TNA (Trainee Nursing Associate) and decided to do the top up with support from the surgery.

What have been the biggest challenges?

Organising placements, not very much support.

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

Continuing to grow and learn on this journey.

[Learn more about the L6 Registered Nurse Degree \(NMC 2018\) apprenticeship](https://haso.skillsforhealth.org.uk/)

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

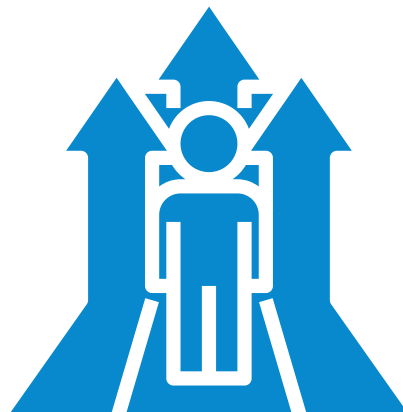
I intend to work as a practice nurse within the surgery.

What would you say to someone considering an apprenticeship?

Go for it. It's hard work, but all study is worth it in the end.

Do you have any further comments?

There definitely needs to be more structure around placement opportunities. A plan for the full 2 years should be in place instead of last-minute emails informing of placements within a few weeks, this does not work when clinics are already in place at my workplace.



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