

**SALMA SHABIR****ST GEORGES SURGERY**

Salma Shabir is undertaking a Level 5 Nursing Associate (NMC 2018) apprenticeship standard at St Georges Surgery.

We spoke to Salma 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 studying the Trainee Nursing Associate apprenticeship to become a Nursing Associate. The study involves going to university one day a week and learning at different placements like GP surgery, wards etc.

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

I am currently a trainee nursing associate. I progressed to this role from my previous job as a HCA (Healthcare Assistant).

**What have been the biggest challenges?**

Dealing with patients with difficult health problems.

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

Dealing with a patient's problem and them leaving happy and content with the consultation outcome.

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

Continue with giving patients the best care I can give them and helping them as much as I can. Providing more care for patients with chronic diseases with the knowledge I will get from the apprenticeship.

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

To go ahead and do it!