

KATIE CLARKSON-BERRY

Level 6 Occupational Therapist
(Degree)



We recently spoke to Katie Clarkson-Berry who is a occupational therapist apprentice with Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust. She spoke about her experiences of undertaking an apprenticeship.

WHAT APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU STUDYING?

I am studying the Level 6 Occupational Therapist (Degree) apprenticeship.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE BEST PART OF YOUR APPRENTICESHIP?

The best part of my apprenticeship has been the incredible opportunity to connect with a diverse range of professionals across various settings, particularly during practical placements. Witnessing the dedication and compassion of these individuals has been truly inspiring. Their mentorship has not only provided me with valuable hands-on experience but has also played a pivotal role in shaping my occupational therapy career. I am immensely grateful for this priceless opportunity.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT ON YOUR APPRENTICESHIP TO DATE?

My proudest achievement during the apprenticeship has been successfully balancing the academic rigour and practical applications of the program while managing the everyday challenges of life. This experience has demonstrated my capacity for continuous growth and has laid a solid foundation for my journey in occupational therapy and beyond. I owe credit to the Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust and the university for their unwavering support throughout this transformative process.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO SOMEONE CONSIDERING AN APPRENTICESHIP?

To those considering an apprenticeship, I would wholeheartedly encourage you to pursue this path if you seek a deeply rewarding career in occupational therapy. The apprenticeship offers endless opportunities for personal and professional growth, and the journey doesn't end with obtaining your degree.