



Pharmacy Technician L3

Name, age, what Apprenticeship are you doing, level, and for how long?

My name is Maria Hurst, I'm 48 Years old, and working towards the Pharmacy Technician L3. I am currently in my 2nd year.

Why did you choose that specific Apprenticeship?

This specific apprenticeship allowed me an opportunity to develop my knowledge and skills and become part of the pharmacy team and pursue a career.

Was there any decision between the Apprenticeship route, and any other, E.G., university etc.

The apprenticeship was something that was offered in our department. Being able to complete this whilst working and online was good for me as I have your children, so I didn't need to travel large distances.

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

Everything, I am an older person and I have been enriched with being able to gain the knowledge needed to become a member of the Pharmacy team.

What has work been like since COVID-19 outbreak, and how has your work changed because of it?

Work has been fine as we have a large team, It has changed the way we are as a team, we have just had to adapt to different procedures regarding PPE and washing and extra pharmacy policies.

How do you see your Apprenticeship helping you to build your career for the future?

I am gaining so much knowledge from both the apprenticeship and all my colleagues within the Pharmacy, which is giving me more confidence speaking to patients, and dealing with all kinds of issues that may arise within a hospital/pharmacy. I will be able to put all this experience and knowledge into practice.

What would your advice be to anyone thinking about doing an Apprenticeship?

I would advise anyone to proceed with any apprenticeship, you are able to gain so much experience, knowledge and friendship. This is available to any person even if you are older like me, you can still pursue a great career opportunity and most worthwhile.