



Advanced Clinical Practitioner L7

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

Rosealeen Killick (35) studying Advanced Clinical Practitioner (MSc). 3 year Apprenticeship.

Why did you choose that specific Apprenticeship?

To further my clinical knowledge and skills to enable me to become a more autonomous practitioner. This will in turn help my patients and my department run efficiently. Specifically, the Non Medical Prescribing, Clinical Examination and Clinical Reasoning Skills Modules are so relevant and beneficial to my role as a Specialist Nurse.

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

Self funding my MSc or applying for CPD funding for the individual modules would have been the only alternative way to obtain this particular qualification. The support of an apprenticeship programme really has made the MSc realistically achievable for me.

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

I am very proud to have been selected and offered a place on this apprenticeship programme. The course has been so beneficial in improving my anatomy knowledge and physical assessment skills, and these are so easily transferred to clinical practice.

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

During the second wave of the Covid pandemic I have been temporarily redeployed to help with safe staffing of the medical wards. Like many of my healthcare professional colleagues, I have been working in areas in which I am not familiar with. This has been challenging but a theme has definitely emerged in the attitudes of my fellow nurses, doctors, care assistants and other important ward staff. So many wonderful members of staff rolling up their sleeves, laughing (and at times crying) together and continuing to provide a high standard of clinical care. Nurses really are my heroes and I am forever proud to be a part of this profession. I have been so inspired by the incredible staff at Frimley Health.

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

Advance Clinical Practice incorporates 4 pillars in which we should demonstrate capabilities. These are clinical practice, leadership and management, education, and research. These are all important aspects in providing a high standard of care and I can't imagine a more relevant programme to help me become the best nurse I can be.

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

Do your research and see what's available to you. There are so many apprenticeships available out there. The possibilities are endless. I had no idea that a MSc would be a feasible route via an apprenticeship programme.