

Pre-employment to Registered Nurse



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Pre-employment programme to apprentice

In early 2015, Ellie enrolled on the 'Get into NHS' Pre-employment Programme (PEP) with the Prince's Trust, which was co-produced with the local Primary Care Workforce Development Lead in East Kent.

Nursing has always been Ellie's dream but leaving school with poor A 'level results, she didn't think she would ever get accepted to university. The four week PEP programme allowed Ellie to develop her confidence, undertake an NHS work-related placement and vocational skills.

At the end of the scheme prospective employers listened to candidate's stories and ambitions; Ellie was offered multiple apprenticeship opportunities and accepted an 18-month level 3 apprenticeships standard in Health and Social Care at a local GP surgery with an aim of becoming a healthcare assistant.

After completing her apprenticeship Ellie was awarded the HEE Kent, Surrey and Sussex apprentice of the year - runner up for Health and Social Care level 3

Student Nurse to Registered Nurse

In the spring of 2016, Ellie applied for and was successful in obtaining a funded place to undertake a part-time Adult Nursing Degree with The Open University. Ellie commenced her 4-year training in September 2016.

Being a part-time course allowed Ellie to continue working as a healthcare assistant alongside studying and completing a variety of Acute, Community and Primary Care placements.

Ellie was informed in October 2020 that she had passed her final exam and registered with the Nursing & Midwifery Council in November 2020.

Ellie started a full-time position as a General Practice Nurse, and has since undertaken further training in Contraception management, childhood vaccinations & immunisations, and diabetes management (oral therapies). Ellie is also hoping to undertake her cytology training and a Diploma in Respiratory management. Ellie states that everything she has learnt and experienced along the way has given her so much knowledge and increased her confidence immensely. Ellie states that she could not have dreamt five years ago when she started her journey that she would be able to undertake her dream job as a Nurse!