

Advance Clinical Practitioner Case Study

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I qualified as a Registered Adult Nurse in 2001.

My first job was as a staff nurse in my local Accident and Emergency Department and then I worked for 2 years in an Emergency Department in Melbourne, Australia. On my return to the UK I embarked on my career in General Practice, undertaking a Practice Nurse Degree.

For 12 years I worked as a General Practice Nurse, gaining advanced competencies and diplomas in all aspects of practice nursing: chronic disease management, women's health, immunisations and vaccinations, wound care, and health prevention and promotion.

Through my Training Hub Workforce Lead, I was given the opportunity to further develop my career and my passion for advanced clinical practice. I was fortunate enough to gain a Health Education England, Kent, Surrey and Sussex funded place on the Canterbury Christ Church University, Advanced Clinical Practice MSc Programme.

The Advanced Clinical Practice MSc programme is not for the fainthearted. Finding the time to study as well as work and juggle a family has been a challenge. However, I feel my practice, professional level of knowledge, and expertise has developed to a safe advanced level. Throughout the programme, I have undergone constant assessment from colleagues, audits of my practice, and had to provide evidence of my skills and capabilities.

On the 7th of October 2020, I had the news that I had passed my Advanced Clinical Practice MSc. I continue to provide evidence of my capabilities and skill set through a portfolio. I aim to use my portfolio to register with the center of advancing clinical.

When I reflect back on my practice as a nurse over the past 20 years, my scope and practice have dramatically changed, more than I could ever imagine.

I am embracing the developing face of advancing clinical practice and look forward to future challenges.