

Case study — Nurse

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Why nursing?

I worked for a large car manufacturer for 22 years that went into receivership, some years ago now. Having worked in the automotive industry since the age of 16, this was a scary situation to be in! I decided it was time to research and possibly make a completely different career choice.

I moved into the care industry shortly afterwards, being taken on as a support worker and couldn't believe how much I enjoyed the role. It was something completely different for me but it paid off as within a short time I was promoted to a senior support worker. You would think that the environment and colleagues would be completely different to the manufacturing scene but not so - team work is the ethos and I think this is needed in any sector but more so to undertake a role such as a support worker or a nurse.

I was offered the chance to be semi-seconded to the University of Wolverhampton by my previous employer and did not hesitate to accept this opportunity.

Why Voyage Care?

Voyage care was the first placement I ever had as a student. I could see the high standard of care being offered and this was not surpassed in all my other placements. When the opportunity arose to take up the role as deputy/nurse. I had come full circle returning to the company that had left an indelible mark on me as a student.

Training is vital and needs to be encouraged, Voyage Care give me this support but I am also able to suggest things that will enhance my knowledge base. Make the most of every placement and put yourself forward the rewards are fantastic and give the opportunity to learn.

Was it a struggle going back into education after being employed for 22 years?

As a more senior graduate and one who left schooling a long time ago I thought it would be. In my opinion life experience is a good rock to build upon. I am a firm believer if you want to achieve something you can as those stars are a little closer than you think! If you believe you can be a nurse and have the passion, age is not a deterrent. Passion and commitment are what is needed!

Most enjoyable aspects of your role?

Making a difference however little that may appear. No two days are the same and I am able to go home feeling satisfied. Best thing about being a nurse is hard to pinpoint. From my days as a student and making what I would call firm friends, to being able to give something back to current students in the form of mentorship.

I can only reiterate that a career in nursing is rewarding each and every day for all different sorts of reasons.

Who we look for

If you are interested in joining Voyage Care, we are recruiting qualified nurses across the UK.

We require individuals who are skilled in planning clinical care and overseeing support staff. Experience of delivering high quality clinical care focusing on a person-centred approach is a must.

This role offers variety and the opportunity to work autonomously. In return, we offer a funded NPD programme, PIN, excellent career progression, competitive salary and a range of fantastic benefits.



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