



My Career Story

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I graduated from the University of the West of England as an Adult Nurse in January 2014.

I started my career as a Newly Registered Nurse on Woodmancote Ward CGH, which then specialised in Care of the Elderly and Endocrine. I worked on Woodmancote Ward for 12 months, where I completed my Trust Preceptorship Programme and undertook the role of a Dementia Link Nurse.

I had undertaken a placement as a Student Nurse in unscheduled care, which I loved. In January 2015 I then moved to the A&E Department at CGH.

I became a Trust Chief Nurse Fellow during my time in A&E, where I undertook a Silver QI Project and a Diploma in Leadership and Management. This gave me the confidence to apply for the role as a Sister in A&E at CGH, which I successfully achieved in June 2019.

Seeking a new and exciting challenge, I joined the Professional Education Team in October 2020 and now work as a Practice Educator.

Within Professional Education, I lead on the Certificate Programme and am passionate about teaching/supporting all HCA's and Social Care Support Workers new to our Trust. I do this by giving them vital foundation and introductory knowledge, to provide safe and compassionate care to all patients.

Alongside my colleague Liz, I lead on the Trusts' Trainee Nursing Associate Programme, where we currently support 64 TNA's on the 2 year programme. We offer both support and guidance to TNA's during their challenging programme. We are extremely proud to see them develop into confident and competent Registered Nursing Associates.

Looking back on my career, I now realise that I did not wait until I had reached my goal to be proud of myself. Instead, I was proud of every step I took to reach my goal and being a Gloucestershire Nurse.

