

The benefits of workplace placements

Employer:



**The Orders of
St John Care**

Employee:



Jack Lloyd

Location:



Wiltshire

I've always wanted to work in the care sector, and my goal is to become a paramedic, so choosing to study BTEC Level 2 Health and Social Care was a great place for me to start. After completing this qualification I then progressed onto BTEC Level 3, where I enjoyed studying a wide range of units, in particular anatomy and physiology. The course complimented my work as a Care Worker with The Order of St Johns Care Trust, as I was able to apply learning from my course into my role.

I first started working at OSJCT on a student placement for part of my BTEC course, which was a great way for me to get some hands-on learning alongside my studies. When I completed the placement, I was encouraged by the Care Manager to apply for a job once I turned 18. Without doing my BTEC course, I feel as though I wouldn't have succeeded at the interview stage, as the BTEC enabled me to bring real-life experiences and relevant skills to the interview. BTEC Health and Social Care has helped me a lot in the workplace as it's taught me safeguarding and key communication skills. When I started in my role, training was required to be able to do certain tasks, but having studied the BTEC in college, meant that I already had a good understanding of some of the tasks that were required of me and I learnt a lot quicker.

My work placement at OSJCT has really helped me feel fulfilled in the work that I do and the care that I provide. Some days can be difficult, but there's nothing that would stop me helping out an individual who has a want or need. From working in this role, I now want to progress on to become a paramedic so that I can continue helping others and my next step will be to apply to become an ECA (Emergency Care Assistant).

I am confident that studying my BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care has supported me in becoming a competent Carer with The Order of St Johns Care Trust and the skills and knowledge I have gained will support me further with my future Career choice.

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