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Band 5

What does your job entail?

I work in Antrim Area Hospital in a surgical ward. I am a Staff Nurse Band 5, and I am responsible for the care of six patients daily. My job is to improve the health of the patients on the ward. I administer medications, carry out clinical observations, follow ward rounds, admit/discharge patients. I am responsible for nursing care while on the ward and maintaining a safe environment.

How did you get into this line of work?

I wanted to be a nurse and was unable to go to university because of family commitments. I worked as a Band 2 Nursing Auxiliary on the ward and after two years was able to apply for secondment to Open University to complete the nursing programme.

Outline your career to date

From becoming a Band 5 Staff Nurse a few years ago, I am now a more senior member of the team. Being in charge of my six patients to now being in charge of the full ward which has 25 patients doing ward rounds and have more responsibility.

Tell us about your qualifications and training

When I left school, I had completed my exams and had level B's in CSE and HNC in Health and Social Care. This enabled me to go into work in healthcare.

What qualities are required for your job – personal and professional?

You need to be motivated. You need good interpersonal skills. You need to be prepared for good days and bad days – discipline yourself to study.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

If you don't try, you will never know.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself

I am quite an open person. I love to chat. I consider myself to be friendly and supportive to friends, colleagues, and work colleagues.

Who has inspired you most in your life?

My Dad.

What advice would you give your 16-year-old self?

Work hard, study hard. Set your mind to what you want to do and do it.