



Russell Yumo

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Antrim Area Hospital

What does your job entail?

My role is to ensure that patients receive high quality nursing care, carry out programmes to ensure nursing practice is within Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Code of Conduct and the scope of professional practice; and assist the ward sister in leading and managing the ward. My job entails managerial tasks and focuses on managing staff, ensuring safe staffing and appropriate skill mix and safety of the patients from being admitted in the ward until they are safely discharged from the hospital.

How did you get into this line of work?

I have always dreamed of being a good leader and I wanted to make a difference to people's lives. As soon as I became eligible to apply for a Band 6 post, I took the opportunity and risk to do what I have always wanted to do.

Outline your career to date

April 2014 - Graduated Bachelor of Science in Nursing
November 2014 - October 2016: Staff Nurse in General Nursing Unit (Philippines)
October 2016 - October 2017: Infection Control Nurse (Philippines)
January 2018 - January 2021: Staff Nurse in Ward A4 (Respiratory Ward) Antrim Area Hospital (AAH)
January 2021 - August 2021: Staff Nurse in Ward B1 (Acute Medical Unit) AAH
August 2021 - Present: Clinical Charge Nurse in Ward B5 (Acute Medical Unit) AAH

Tell us about your qualifications and training

I graduated Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2014
I acquired Master of Arts in Nursing in 2017
I passed Deteriorating Patient post graduate course in QUB (2021 - 2022)

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

I should have the ability to empower and influence people; have confidence, compassion, a positive attitude and a good sense of leadership.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

The best advice I have ever received was from my mom: "Timing is everything. If it's meant to happen, it will, at the right time and for the right reason."

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself

I am a Filipino. I was raised in Japan, born in the Philippines, and live in the UK.

Who has inspired you most in your life?

My mom and dad are my best inspiration. They selflessly sacrificed and worked hard in Japan since the day I was born just to give me the best education in the Philippines, even if it meant living 1,908 miles away from each other for my whole life. They never demanded anything from us, only for their children to be successful.

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

Have faith in your abilities. You are capable of so much more than you think. You need to trust yourself first, before others can trust you. Believe in yourself.