



**Suzanne
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Temporary Band 7,
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What does your job entail?

Managing the ward, staff and patients to ensure a safe/holistic journey for patients during their stay working towards a safe discharge. Also, ensuring staff wellbeing and progression.

How did you get into this line of work?

I got into nursing as a mature student. I went back to university to complete my degree in my early thirties.

Outline your career to date

Band 5 temporary in Emergency Department, 2010
Transfer to Ward A4 in 2011
Band 6 post in Ward A4 2018
Temporary Band 7 in Ward A4 from April 2022

Tell us about your qualifications and training

Access course in Health and Social Care
Degree in nursing, Ulster University
Ongoing training (corporate/mandatory), Northern Health and Social Care Trust

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

Good communication skills
Be approachable
Time management
Work well with others
Keep up to date with training

What is the best advice you have ever received?

Don't be scared to ask for help. Maintain your work-life balance.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself

I was a hairdresser for 16 years prior to being a nurse.

Who has inspired you most in your life?

My parents.

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

Work for what you want, you will get there.