



**Clare Fowler – Registered Nurse Degree Apprentice and A and E Technician**

**What is your current role?**

I am currently an RNDA / A&E Technician and in my final year of my nursing degree.

**How did you get into your current role?**

I started my career as a Phlebotomist after completing a phlebotomy training course.

**Do you feel that completing the Care Certificate and HDA helped with your career progression?**

Definitely, there has been such an overlap of skills that I learned on the Care Certificate and Higher Development Award (HDA) that have been essential and transferable to the nursing degree apprenticeship programme. The Care Certificate offered a great foundation and introduction to studying. The Higher Development Award built on that knowledge. I remember the leadership and management aspect of the course clearly and this really helped with my third year leadership and management essay. The study skills I learnt whilst doing the Higher Development Award have proved so valuable especially when it came to time management and balancing studying and working.