



NHS YORKSHIRE & HUMBER

## APPRENTICE CASE STUDY PROFILE

### PHARMACY TECHNICIAN - GAVIN HUNTER



**WORK PLACE ADDRESS**  
Pharmacy Department  
Sheffield Children's Hospital

**ROLE**  
Pharmacy Technician

**APPRENTICESHIP  
TRAINING**  
Advanced Apprenticeship  
Pharmacy Services  
Sheffield College  
2009 - 2011

**AGE**  
27 years

**ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS**  
GCSEs

### BACKGROUND

Prior to starting the Level 3 NHS Apprenticeship programme, Gavin had been working as a level 2 dispenser in a community pharmacy for over a year, before which he had undertaken a full-time course at college. His community pharmacy employer recommended the Pre-registration trainee pharmacy technician programme, which he subsequently started at Sheffield College. While the course came highly recommended, he states that he gained more from it than initially expected.



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## Getting started

Gavin felt the highlights of the course were gaining a new qualification, learning new skills from working while studying, and also meeting new people while at college. However, he admits striking a balance between assignments and a full-time placement was, at times, challenging.

## Pharmacy Technician at Sheffield Children's Hospital pharmacy



After completing his apprenticeship, he was immediately appointed as a rotational Pharmacy Technician at Sheffield Children's Hospital pharmacy: a position he has now held for the last two years. He has been given the opportunity of ongoing training within the hospital, gaining skills in areas in which he previously had little experience from community pharmacy environment. Gavin is enthusiastic about the career progression opportunities, job security, and the opportunity to work alongside other like-

minded professionals as part of a team, and describes his job as "very enjoyable".

## Go for it!



Later this year, Gavin is due to commence a higher level course at University of Huddersfield, which will enable him to become a full-time medicines management technician. His advice to others considering the same NHS Apprenticeship scheme is to **"Go for it. Worthwhile all the hard work"**.



## CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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