



# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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## *Career spotlight – district nurse*

### The job

District nurses care for people outside of hospital in patients' homes, GP surgeries and residential care homes. They check the patient's temperature, blood pressure and breathing. They give injections, clean and bandage wounds. They also give emotional support and practical advice to patients and their families.

### Salary Range

£31,000 - £44,000.

### Working environment and hours

Patients home and doctors' surgery. Normally 38-40hrs a week, including evenings, weekends and bank holidays.

### Entry requirements and training

You need to be a registered adult, child, mental health or learning disability nurse to apply for a district nursing training programme. For example, to become an adult nurse, the main route is through a degree course at university. Entry requirements for these courses can vary so it's important to check with universities. Typically, you'll need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4/C or above, possibly in English language or literature and a science subject. You'll also need two A levels or equivalent level 3 qualifications to take an undergraduate degree. Some universities may ask for three A levels or equivalent.

District nurse training programmes are at degree level. You can also find courses at post graduate certificate and Master's level. They are normally no less than one academic year (32 weeks) full time or part-time equivalent.

### District nurse apprenticeship

A level 7 apprenticeship standard in district nursing has been approved for delivery. To get onto an apprenticeship, you will need to apply for an apprentice position with a health care provider.

### Opportunities

With experience you could lead a team of nurses or become a community matron.

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## Past pupil



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*Nobody knows what they want to do really but don't be afraid to think big!*

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## Alexander Bullock

Left school? 2009

**Positive from school?** Tech lessons with Mr Wilson, always made to feel well respected in all lessons and always made you enjoy the day! I thought the trip with Mr Needham to the Somme was one of the most thought-provoking experiences I have ever had.

**Post 16 and post 18 route?** Post Bury Church - Went onto Holy cross, did, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and maths in lower sixth. Really struggled with the workload so resat lower sixth and dropped physics. Moved onto Upper Sixth then really upped my game then passed my A-levels.

Post Holy Cross – Went to Bangor University to Study Chemistry. Here, I looked into Organic chemistry and worked in an Anti-cancer drug lab over my first summer. During my second year, I then interned at the Fire Service College working in the Hazardous Materials department. I then had my final year working in a bio-chemistry research group looking into using novel enzymes to detect explosives.

**Current job?** Post University - I went to work at Canon Slade Church of England School in Bolton as a science technician. Whilst I enjoyed the role, I knew it wasn't long term for myself.

Now - I found out about the aviation industry and in particular the role of Air Traffic Control. After application and training I am now a fully Valid Air traffic controller and I think it's the best job in the world!! I use the skills learnt from school, college and university to actually deal with the problems and problem solving.

**What skills are needed?** Problem solving / Excellent teamwork / Great communication skills

**Best piece of careers advice I can give is....** Nobody knows what they want to do really but don't be afraid to think big! If someone told me I was going to be an ATCO I would have laughed. Don't be afraid to admit that something is too much for you but always ask for help if needed and never just give up!

## For pupils....

### Stay well

[Kooth](#) is your mental wellbeing community. It's free, safe and anonymous

### Year 10/11

Information, advice and guidance and what are my options after school? Find out [here](#)

### T-Levels

Find out more about [T-Levels](#) and their benefits

### Life after school

Want to know more about life at College or University? [GM Higher](#) have experienced staff on hand to answer your questions or chat.

## LIFE LESSONS

### Maths

What is it like to be a fantasy football influencer?

Read Holly's story. Which Maths skills and knowledge does she use in her job? How does she use them?

### English

MPs: How to work in politics

Read Dominic's story. Which English skills and knowledge does he use in his job? How does he use them?

### Science

How to become a personal trainer: Louis' story

Read Louis' story. Which Science skills and knowledge does he use in his job? How does he use them?

With options in TV, radio and film production, plus business, design, engineering and journalism, **media apprenticeships** provide a gateway into the UK's thriving digital industries

Whether you land a permanent position or not, the contacts you make during this time will be invaluable to your career.

#### What do media apprenticeships involve?

The nature of these specific programmes will depend on the area of specialism - for instance, TV production apprenticeships generally involve you working behind the scenes, performing a range of tasks on set to help everything run as smoothly as possible.

On the BBC's [Broadcast Operator Apprenticeship](#), you'll be working on the technical side of news broadcasting. This means you'll get to set up broadcast equipment in the newsroom, galleries as well as out on location. The broadcasting company's [Production Apprentice Scheme](#), on the other hand, deals with creating top quality TV, radio, online or social media content. You'll get hands-on training in the entire production process and can specialise in an area of interest. This will allow you to focus on developing ideas and stories, master the technical side of the craft or learn about production management.

#### How much will I be paid?

Apprentices under 19 are paid the National Minimum Wage which is currently £4.15 p/h.

#### How do I become a media apprentice?

Most applications are made online like other jobs. See the individual employer's websites (above) for details of what they expect from you.



## Media

*There are Media apprenticeships in various fields including:*

- advertising and digital marketing
- broadcast media production and editing (television and radio)
- film production
- journalism
- publishing.

*Companies offering media apprenticeships:*

*[BBC](#), [Channel 4](#), [Sky](#), [Virgin Media](#)*

# APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships are available in a wide variety of roles and are often a good way to learn skills and knowledge while being paid. To learn more, here are two examples of apprenticeships.



## Engineering

#### Who are they aimed at?

Apprenticeships are traditionally aimed at school leavers or career changers and are presented as an alternative to university study.

Level 2 and Level 3 apprenticeships are usually aimed at school leavers. You'll need to be 16 or over, living in England and not in full time education to be eligible to apply.

#### What's involved in an engineering apprenticeship?

This largely depends on the type and level of apprenticeship taken. For example, the content of an aircraft engineering apprenticeship will be different from a broadcast engineering apprenticeship. Generally, engineering apprentices take on an operator role, involving anything from installing telecommunications systems, assembling car engines, fitting and testing machinery, to demolishing buildings or checking commercial or RAF aircraft.

However, all programmes involve combining full-time employment with part-time study. You could be allocated one day a week to attend college or university, or study in scheduled blocks of a week or more.

For the majority of engineering apprenticeships, previous qualifications (usually GCSEs, A-levels for the higher levels) in maths, IT and science are required. Manual dexterity, an interest in the technical side of operating machinery, good people and problem-solving skills, teamwork ability and an enquiring mind are also an advantage.

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*Engineering apprenticeships are available in a considerable number of fields including:*

- aerospace
- automotive
- broadcasting
- communication
- construction
- electrical
- energy
- marine
- telecommunications
- transport

*There are a huge number of companies offering media apprenticeships. These include:*

*[BBC](#), [BT](#), [British Gas](#), [BAE Systems](#), [GSK](#), [Nestlé](#), [NHS Trusts](#), [Royal Mail](#), [TUI](#), [Unilever](#)*

To learn more visit [Institute for Apprenticeships - Search the apprenticeship standards.](#)