



Case Study

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Why did you do a College course first?

The main reason why I decided to go to my local College and enrol on the HNC in Health Care instead of going straight into first year nursing at University was because I felt I was not ready to go to University and did not have enough confidence in myself.

I felt that by going to College I could obtain a recognised qualification and also felt College would help my confidence.

Travelling was another issue which influenced my decision to go to my local College. I live in the Scottish borders and I was not ready to leave home, plus I was learning to drive and did not want to travel to University in Edinburgh until I had passed my driving test.

Did College prepare you for University?

Yes I felt the College course I did was excellent and the knowledge and skills I learnt at College linked in very well with the Nursing programme here at Queen Margaret University. The academic work at College was actually taught at 1st year University level and I also went out on placement whilst at College which really boosted my confidence and encouraged me to apply to go to University.

Why did you choose QMU?

I had looked at other Universities who offered Nursing but I wanted to come to Queen Margaret because friends and family members had recommended the University. I also wanted to come to Queen Margaret because friends had told me of the support that was available and also the small class numbers compared to other universities really appealed to me.

You went into 2nd year Nursing as a Direct Entrant did you have any concerns?

I was slightly worried about moving to University from College but there was no need to worry, both the staff and fellow students were very supportive, helpful and welcoming. Everyone went out of their way to ensure that I knew where the classes were and the facilities within the University. I had a minor problem in relation to a small gap of knowledge in a couple of modules but the staff were so helpful and approachable that I could contact them at any time for additional support.