



Case Study

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What were you doing before QMUC and why did you decide to apply?

I was working in a Local Government office and, through a friend got the chance to do some part time voluntary work with special needs children. I really enjoyed it and was soon working as a temporary houseparent. After my contract finished I moved to a special needs school where I worked as a classroom assistant. I felt that I had finally found an area of work that I enjoyed and got great satisfaction from doing. It got me thinking about working with children as a career. I began investigating and enquiring about different professions involved in working with children and young people. At the school I worked closely with all the therapists and teachers and this gave me an insight into the roles of these professions. I decided to study Occupational Therapy and applied and was then made a conditional offer. They required some evidence of recent study, so I studied a Higher in Psychology by open learning.

What have you enjoyed most since becoming a student?

I have had the opportunity to work in a variety of amazing places during my field work placements. It has been a great opportunity to meet people of all ages and experience. The support of the staff has been excellent.

Anything been less enjoyable, stressful or not what you expected?

I suppose trying to hand in all your assignments on time is a bit stressful, but it's the same for everyone. All in all it's been a very positive experience.

Do you have any tips or advice for new students?

Don't be afraid to ask questions no matter how daft you think it sounds. You can be sure that there are at least half a dozen other people in the class who wanted to know the answer but were too shy to ask!

Anything else you want to add?

Just go for it! You'll be surprised just how much you know and how much life experience counts.