

Homework

I grew up in a world of healthcare professionals, from Drs and nurses of A&E to radiographers and paramedics, so I was always surrounded with someone in the medical profession. Anytime there was an injury in the family, or anyone had a medical problem they would always be on my doorstep no matter the time of day or night which I always admired as they always knew who to come to first. I always admired and felt proud that people felt safe to come to my parents when they needed help, so I always knew I wanted to follow my parent's footsteps into healthcare from a young age. I decided on going into paediatric nursing after I completed a school project on alder hey children's hospital and felt my skills and experience were more suited to help children more than adults and be able to comfort them during their time of need.

I believe I'm well suited to being a children's nurse because I have had experience working with children in different settings from a dance studio to a shop in retail where I've been compassionate, had good communication skills, had critical thinking and empathy for whatever situation they have been in, making me well suited to become a nurse one day. I feel I'm also suited to being a nurse for my resilience as in life sometimes not everything goes how you expected but if you think you can only see yourself in that one specific career you have to find a way to accomplish this even if it means moving five hours away from my home to a new city. This unwilling to give up would also be useful in nursing as the outcome isn't going to be what you want so you have to be prepared to find out how to work past it and strive forward to meet the shared goal whatever that may be.

I've previously done two nursing centred work experiences for example I completed a week work experience in the Liverpool John Moore's University in a group setting with other peers from my school and surrounding schools. During the week we had theory and practical lessons where we discussed person centred care and the roles of a nurse and what they might do daily. During the practical lessons we learnt CPR, knife saving skills, antiseptic care, how to draw blood and much more.

On my other work experience, I worked with Clare house. During the week, I met with the different teams that help to run Clare house, from the different charity teams to help with funding to the respite care. My time with Clare house was a very eye-opening experience as it was a whole part of nursing that I wasn't even fully aware about. As a child I often helped my mum with different charity events with Marie Curie, so I was aware of adult's hospices, but I didn't fully comprehend the idea of a children's hospice especially so close to where I went to school. Throughout my time at Clare house, I discovered how much time and effort goes into running a Children's hospice and a respite centre and how important the work they do is not just for the children on hospice but for their families also.

