

Health and social care sector

Linzi Hicks

Has applied to study the Advanced Diploma in Adult Nursing

Linzi wanted to pursue a career she had hoped for from an early age.

What are you hoping to study?

Linzi has been offered a conditional place on the Advanced Diploma in Adult Nursing at Sheffield Hallam University.

What were you doing before this?

Linzi works as a Customer Advisor for Ventura (Orange) and has previously worked as a volunteer for 'Riding for the Disabled' and as a childminder. She completed the Access to Nursing Health and Social Care vocational course at Dearne Valley College in December 2008.

What made you decide to apply to a higher education course?

Because I got to 30 and realised I'd done nothing; didn't feel as though I'd achieved anything for me.



Why have you chosen to apply for this course?

Nursing is a career that Linzi has wanted to achieve from an early age. Other ideas "came and went but nursing remained. After raising a family, working and "living life" she realised it was her time to do something to benefit herself. By doing something she wants to do, the entire family will benefit.

Have you got any concerns about starting a higher education course?

Financial concerns. Lack of time with the children due to studies—missing out on things with them. Lack of time with her husband,

What will you use your qualification for?

Linzi will use her qualification to obtain a career in adult nursing. It may also lead to additional qualifications (perhaps topping up to a Degree in Adult Nursing or Performing additional studies in Midwifery).

What advice would you give to others considering higher education?

Linzi is very excited and enthusiastic about completing her current course and moving on to university. Although she felt insecure and apprehensive about beginning her Access course, having completed her studies has given her the confidence and security she was lacking. Linzi says, "Just do it" There's no reason why anybody can't do it—there's so much advice, help and support."

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