

Health and social care sector

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Plans to apply for a Health and Community Studies degree

Michael wants to further his career and gain better paid employment.

What are you hoping to study?

I'll be taking a year out from study, but will then apply for the Health and Community Studies Degree at University Centre Barnsley.

What were you doing before this?

The Northern College Diploma in Social Sciences.

Why have you chosen to apply for this course?

It looks like an interesting course. It builds upon what I have studied at Northern College and, ultimately, it will enable me to gain work helping people in a health/community setting.



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

Prior to coming to Northern College I had lost my job as an electrician due to mental health issues. I have found that being in education has rebuilt my self-confidence and has made me realise what I can achieve. I am a lone parent with four children and I want to get a degree in order to make a better life for me and my family.

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

Initially I was concerned about the money aspect, but once the financial support was explained I felt more comfortable about this.

What will you use your qualification for?

To further my career and gain better paid employment. I would like to be in a job where I can help people with mental health issues.

What advice would you give to others considering higher education?

Come to Northern College! Whatever barriers you think you've got can be overcome.

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