



# BE PART OF THE BIG PICTURE

## BECOME AN NHS APPRENTICE

THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT ROLES TO CHOOSE FROM

### David Langley

Apprentice Pharmacy Technician

Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham

David Langley is an Apprentice Pharmacy Technician from Birmingham. Following redundancy cuts at his previous role in a local library, David secured a prestigious work experience opportunity in the Pharmacy at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital. When he spotted that there was the opportunity to start an apprenticeship so late in his career, he was eager to apply. He is now training to be a Pharmacy Technician as part of a two year apprenticeship.

David is responsible for checking drug stock levels on hospital wards,

topping up fluids and flammables in surgical theatres and selecting the correct items for prescriptions. As his levels of responsibility increase, he is also learning how to dispense medicines. As part of his apprenticeship, David attends college one day per week, gaining academic qualifications alongside on-the-job training.

Once fully qualified, David will have the opportunity to follow his career in pharmacy.

*“My apprenticeship is really varied and I’m learning lots of new skills. I’m particularly enjoying learning more about the science behind medicines so that I understand more about the drugs I’m dispensing.”*

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