



## Becoming a midwife with BTEC Health and Social Care

Jonathan completed his BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care and is now a Midwife Team Leader at Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals.

### How would you describe your day as a midwife?

No two births, no two days and no two women are ever the same. Every day is a special day. Since I started my midwifery career in 2012, I continue to be amazed at the unpredictable, mostly joyous, moments midwives have the privilege of witnessing.

### What's the most rewarding part about your job?

Midwives are privileged people entrusted by women to play a vital role in their childbirth experience. When you remove the jargon, politics and paperwork, a midwife is someone a family will never forget. Knowing this simple truth is a reward in itself.

### What are your thoughts on the gender imbalance in midwifery?

We must continue to tackle gender stereotypes in every profession. I truly believe that if we want to see a change in the way certain professional roles are perceived we must start at the beginning. Young people need to be told that the possibilities in their lives and careers are endless. My BTEC tutors certainly did this for me.

### What was the best part about your BTEC course?

The blended learning approach of classroom-based education and practical placement experience. Reflections made during my work experience helped me develop core values that, even now, aid me in my daily working life as midwife.

### What would you say to anyone considering a career in midwifery?

Embrace all opportunities presented to you. A career in the health and social care profession is a privilege and if you can understand this at the start of your career this will help shape the professional you will one day become. Listen to those who want to teach you, believe in yourself and in what you to become.



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