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Glen Wyatt, Chiropractic student who shares his story.

Which course are you studying and what year are you in?

“Masters in Chiropractic MChrio Year 4.”

What drew you to study this subject?

“I was first drawn to Chiropractic after being sold the subject by a friend I used to work with in the ambulance service who was doing a part time chiro course. I then went to see a chiro for treatment to see what all the fuss was about, and they were so upbeat and positive it really left an impression.”

Why did you choose AECC University College?

“To start with it was more about convenience, with AECC being the closest to home which would allow me to keep my current job contract alongside my study. However, after attending an open day I really liked the smaller campus and the general feeling of community that came with AECC.”

You previously worked in a healthcare role; how did you find this help with your learning?

“Some of the skills are definitely transferable, especially how to talk to members of the public which is something you can learn from any customer service or healthcare role. I think prior knowledge has also given me a bit of head start in some areas like general medicine but I have had to learn to adapt that into a chiropractic role.”

What was it like returning to study?

“Daunting. When I first left school and college I felt burnt out with education and never imagined I would return, and when I did, I wasn’t sure if I would manage. However, it’s not been that bad all in all. There have been some stressful times and COVID interrupted uni for everyone but so far, I have done better than I thought I would.”

How do you juggle working and studying?

“Normally I try and book shifts for Friday nights or weekends, often doing 2-3 shifts a month and then cramming in shifts in weeks off. It is quite a full-on course if you keep up to date with all the self-directed learning and content, but if someone like me who has terrible time management skills can manage to juggle both it is definitely achievable for most students looking to work alongside.”

What do you love most about living in Bournemouth?

“It has to be the beach. Living in walking distance to head down whenever I can, even doing revision last year sat on the beach was just a really good way to try and stay as relaxed as possible.”

What are your ambitions for the future?

“Well, that is a great question, my original plan was to work for a year or so in an established clinic to gain experience and make some money and then consider moving further afield or even abroad. That being said, in the back of my mind I’m also considering maybe doing a bit of further work such as a PHD or something in a teaching role.”

What would you say to a mature who are thinking of returning to study something new?

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