

# Case Study

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***SWAP Access to Medical Sciences***

***HNC Applied Science***

I chose Glasgow Clyde College, firstly as location was important to me, somewhere that was easily accessible and secondly, I had friends who were students there in the past and had had great experiences at the College. This made Glasgow Clyde College appeal to me.

I had left school when I was 17 and had worked up until then, university was something I had never pursued before and did not know it to be an option until I heard about the SWAP Courses. I had wasted my time in secondary school and did not realise my potential, which was a huge regret for me. No one in my family has ever been to university and now I felt it was my time to have a chance to further my education.

I started on the SWAP Access to Medical Sciences course as I wanted to study Pharmacy at university. However, I struggled with the Maths part of the course. My lecturer, Isobel Martin, was a huge support to me. She took time out of her day to provide me with hope and I will be forever grateful for her kindness.

The course was delivered using blended learning so some was face to face in college and some was online. I really liked this as it teaches you to be diverse with your study and makes it more accessible for mature students who have other responsibilities.

The course was intense but I enjoyed my time at college and I have really expanded my learning. I've developed my skills as my study skills were non-existent prior to joining the College and I've learned a great deal in time management as I juggled two jobs along with study as I have my own home. I have managed a great deal more than I thought I was capable of - I can deal with higher workloads and manage stress better.

After successfully completing the SWAP Access to Medical Sciences course, I wanted to further develop my science skills and decided to enrol on HNC Applied Science.

I have loved my time on this course. It's been very interesting and has kept me on my toes! I really enjoyed the laboratory work. The Graded Unit was a lot of work.

During my HNC, I made two friends who I consider very close now. I had no really close friends prior to this and usually spent my time at home, so being able to form connections with people has been very valuable to me in terms of friendship and support. It has also improved my self-confidence.

I'm hoping to continue my studies and have applied for Pharmacy at the University of Strathclyde.