



Cyflawni drwy
Brofiad Gwaith
Achieve through
Work Experience



CASE STUDY

Medical Sciences Masters Student

Host Employer: Urology Department – Ysbyty Gwynedd

What is GO Wales?

The 'GO Wales' project based at Bangor University helps students to develop their employability skills and increase their chances of obtaining graduate level employment upon leaving university.

About the student

The student was studying a masters in Medical Sciences and approached **GO Wales** for support. He was finding it difficult to organise the work experience he needed to be able to apply for medical school.

Please describe what encouraged you to take part in the GO Wales Project?

I was experiencing great difficulty finding any relevant work experience in my field.

How did you find the support received from the GO Wales team?

The support was excellent. Every member of the team was welcoming and friendly, most of all if I had any queries or questions about work experience placement they would promptly reply with helpful advice.

Please describe the type of work have you carried out during your placement?

The type of work placement that I carried out was shadowing consultants around the local hospital.

How relevant is this type the work experience to the career path you are hoping to pursue?

Absolutely relevant. For my career path it is compulsory to have a significant amount of work experience within the NHS, specifically within the field of medicine.

How would you describe the experience of working in this role?

Invaluable, the experience I received shadowing was like any other.

Can you describe any new skills which you have learnt which you did not expect?

A new-found confidence to apply to an abundance of new positions as well as multitasking and communication both with professionals and patients.

What are/have been the highlights of working at this placement?

I thoroughly enjoyed my placement, a highlight being that it academically solidified my chosen career path, the first-hand experience reinforced my ideas of what working in a medical setting would be like and has given me more drive to strive towards this goal.

What advice would you give to students who are thinking about applying to GO Wales?

As a student I recommend nothing better than applying to GO Wales before finishing university, as work experience placements are vital for taking the next step either into the workplace or onto another university course. Arranging work experience through the GO Wales plan was also a lot easier and successful than trying to arrange placements by myself.

Anything else you would like to add?

Thank you to GO Wales and the team for helping me accomplish the relevant work experience needed. I now feel better equipped for applying to desired jobs.