



Career Conversations

Tendai, a Clinical Educator, at Moorfields Eye Hospital tells us about her varied week supporting learners.



I met Tendai for the first time face-to-face at a conference in North London. We had only emailed each other before so I took the opportunity to ask her more about her role supporting learners within her trust.

"I've been a Clinical Educator and Student Placements facilitator at Moorfields since 2014. Prior to that I was a nurse practitioner in A&E, where I taught weekly and supported students and staff in their learning" she began.

"So your responsibilities in your prior role led to your current one? What does the work of a Clinical Educator entail?" I asked.

"I am based out of the City Road Campus in Central London, primarily. I am responsible for supporting student nurses and other learners; ensuring the quality of their learning while they are in practice. I work closely with a broad range of trust colleagues and others within partner organisations in order to make sure learners are able to fulfill their learning objectives"

"Amongst those who I support are pre-registration student nurses as well as registered nurses on specialist ophthalmology training."

It was clear that Tendai enjoyed her role. I asked her what her favourite aspect of it was.

"I love nurturing the students through their practice based learning, I guess you could refer to it as the pastoral care elements of the job"

"Could you give me an idea what a typical week as a Clinical Educator is like?" I enquired.

"It varies. Recently, I've spent Tuesday's visiting the various satellite sites of Moorfields supporting students. Thursdays I spend teaching Pre-Registration Nurses myself, carrying out lectures and tutorials in a classroom setting. Friday I support A&E at our main site. Monday and Wednesday are days I generally use to carry out any administration, go to any meetings, or CPD. That's a typical week, things do change, but what is always constant is the satisfaction from supporting learners"

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