



Samantha - Skills and Simulation Facilities Team Lead

Samantha creates simulated wards using manikins and moulages to train our future nurses.

Leading a team of five technicians, she develops subject material that assists the teaching and learning of the students at Buckinghamshire New University.

The role is varied and no two days are the same. She could be ordering stock, programming and running a human patient simulator (sophisticated manikins), videoing and extracting data, creating a moulage wound (moulage is the art of applying wounds for training purposes), laying out equipment for the students to practice clinical skills, creating a simulation scenario or debriefing after a session.

When Samantha started the role, nearly seven years ago, there was no formal training. "I enjoy learning on the job, solving technical issues and gaining and offering knowledge from the wider simulation technician network. Being a technician, I get to wear many different hats so to speak. Sessions wouldn't be as successful without the support of the technician. I would liken my role to jack of all trades, master of some."

This year Samantha completed an application to become a registered scientist through the Science Council. "I believe gaining this award is a fantastic way to have your expertise, knowledge and competency recognised and a great opportunity to support your future career development."

2006
Working as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant

2009
Deputy Team Leader Teaching Assistants

2011
Whilst working as a Laboratory technician, completed a course to create wounds to assist in the student's clinical skills sessions

2012
Working as a Skills and Simulation Supervisor

2013 - 2015
Became a member of ASPIH and became a Fellow of The Higher Education Academy

2016 - Present
Skills and Simulation Facilities Team Lead

2017
Registered Scientist status awarded

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