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Introduction

I am an apprentice specialising in finance support based at Brunel Care's Head Office Finance Dept. I currently support the Purchase Ledger side of finance which mainly involves supplier invoices, payments and queries. I am mainly tasked with keeping our payments to suppliers up to date and monitoring purchase ledger invoices so that the company can meet suppliers' expectations and pay them on time.

Brunel Care's ethos is to help people make the most of their lives and we are widely recognised for our expertise and excellence in caring for people living with dementia and supporting their families.



How did you get started in your career?

After finishing college, I was looking for an apprenticeship to gain more experience in accounting and finance. I was very enthusiastic about the subject and studied it for a few years so this was the next step and I came across an apprentice advert for Brunel Care online. After reading the Job spec and details I was very interested in applying for the role and hoped I would be right person Brunel Care were looking for and applied that night.

Can you outline a typical work day?

My day to day work largely involves processing invoices to upload ready for payments and interacting with suppliers with any queries so that we can aim to pay suppliers on time and meet their needs as well as the company's.

Image: Alexei Coles, Finance Apprentice – Brunel Care

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The aspect of the business that I enjoy most would be the opportunities it brings. There are always opportunities to learn new skills and improve existing ones. It enables me to push on with my education and gain more experience each day, whilst being helped by other employees of Brunel Care when required.

What skills are important for anyone wishing to start in your profession?

No experience necessary to join us as a Finance Apprentice. Just passion and an interest in pursuing a career in Finance.

What main personal attributes do you think is important for your type of job?

Enthusiasm, and the desire to learn and progress within the role.

Do you have any tips or suggestions on how young people and adults can enter your industry?

Just contact us for a chat about the work experience and job opportunities we can offer! If we have no actual roles to fill at the time, consider volunteering for us for a while. Keep an eye on the 'Working with us' pages on our website and follow our social media pages.

What career progression opportunities are available in your business?

Many and varied! 5-6 day carer induction and then full training provided. We are committed to helping you thrive in the role. Support from us with completing relevant qualification, Diploma in Health & Social Care (level 2 or 3). Employees are encouraged to apply for vacancies that arise within Brunel Care, making the most of individuals' skills, aptitudes, development and ambitions

Why is it important for the construction sector to attract and train young people and new entrants?

The care sector is a growth industry, and providers and companies operating within the sector face stiff competition attracting new talent – young or old. The industry is known to struggle slightly to attract younger applicants.

What trends do you predict for your industry within the next 10 years? E.g. is it a growing market requiring more young entrants.

There are currently three million people in the UK aged over 80 years old and this population is projected to almost double by 2030. This means that the care and housing industry will continue to develop as a growth industry to support our ageing population and their care and housing needs.

General words of wisdom

An apprenticeship is an excellent way to gain experience, qualifications and a great start to your career!

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