

WoW Employability Week: 8th-11th February 2011

Time	Monday 7 th	Tuesday 8 th	Wednesday 9 th	Thursday 10 th	Friday 11 th
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10-11		Employers Talks Introductions: Terry Dray (LJMU) Speaker: Gill Core (StHK) Speaker: Steve Hull (5 Boroughs) <i>Room 5.01 Tithebarn St</i>	Organisational Awareness Workshop (Collette Ashbrook) <i>Medium Lecture Theatre Henry Cotton</i>	Making Things Happen Workshop (Charlotte Corke) <i>Medium Lecture Theatre Henry Cotton</i>	Writing Effective Job Applications and CV's (Hayley Fallon) <i>Medium Lecture Theatre Henry Cotton</i>
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1-2			Employer Talk: Speaker: Rachel Pounder Job Opportunities with European Care Group <i>Medium Lecture Theatre Henry Cotton</i>	WoW Statement Review Workshop (Hayley Fallon) <i>Medium Lecture Theatre Henry Cotton</i>	Portfolio Development (Alex Stewart) <i>Medium Lecture Theatre Henry Cotton</i>
2-3	Self Awareness Workshop (Hayley Fallon) <i>Room 1.14 Tithebarn St</i>				Preparation for Interviews (Hayley Fallon) <i>Medium Lecture Theatre Henry Cotton</i>
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Please see more detailed outlines of the session content on the following pages.

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Tuesday 8th February

Morning 10am – 1:00pm

Opening Speaker - Introduced by Terry Dray – Director of LJMU Graduate Development Centre

Gill Core

Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Governance at St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
Steve Hull

Assistant Director of Nursing & Safeguarding at 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Both guest speakers will be offering their experience and insight into the current NHS job market, the issues affecting NHS organisations and the challenges that are created as a result. They will also be discussing the qualities, behaviours and skills they expect from their newly qualified nurses and how you might best demonstrate your potential through the stages of application and interview.

Afternoon 2pm – 4pm

Self Awareness (WoW Bronze Award)

This session offers the opportunity to participate in a range of activities designed to further aid your personal self analysis and to plan your next steps towards your WoW® certificate.

Self awareness is crucial to all stages of the career planning process. By understanding your own strengths and weaknesses, values, personality and motivation you are much better equipped to evidence and promote your skills effectively to employers.

Wednesday 9th February

Morning 10am – 12pm

Organisational Awareness (WoW Silver Award)

To stand out in today's competitive nursing job market you need that something extra; you not only need skills and enthusiasm but you also need an understanding and awareness of how organisations, such as the NHS and independent healthcare providers work.

This session guides you through the second stage of the WoW process and helps you prepare for writing your Organisational Awareness statement. You will explore key issues such as organisational structure, culture and ethics and customer focus.

Afternoon 1pm – 3pm

Rachel Pounder – European Care Group

European Care is the 5th largest independent provider of health and social care services in the UK.

They employ approx 5500 staff and serve over 4500 service users at more than 120 locations across the UK.

Their focus is around providing person centred care to enable people to live as independently as possible. Rachel Pounder, Recruitment Manager for European Care, will give you an insight into the opportunities within the organisation as well as their recruitment and selection processes. She will also talk about the issues which impact on an independent healthcare provider such as the aging population and financial cuts, etc.

This presentation will be followed by a short talk by Trish Livsey, Director of Academic delivery for the Faculty of Health & Applied Social Sciences.

Thursday 10th February

Morning 10am – 12pm

Making Things Happen (WoW Gold Award)

This session focuses on the third stage of the WoW process and will help prepare you for writing your Making Things Happen statement.

Organisations, like the NHS, need people to manage projects; people like you. Roles and organisations are constantly changing and employers need staff who can adapt to change and play an important part in the project management process. This session offers useful tips and good advice on how to evidence your project management skills.

Afternoon 1pm – 3pm

How to write a WoW Statement

This workshop will provide final guidance and tips on planning and writing a WoW statement and what verifiers will be looking for when reviewing them. There will also be an opportunity for you to review and 'score' example statements to further your understanding of the process. It will summarise the Bronze, Silver and Gold stages and how to progress through to the final interview stage with an employer to gain a WoW Certificate.

Friday 11th February

Morning 10am – 12pm

Writing Effective CVs and Application forms for your first nursing post:

You may have all the skills and experiences needed for a successful career in nursing – but without a strong application form and CV to convey this to employers you won't reach the interview stage! Come along to this interactive session for helpful tips and advice on how to tackle your first job application or improve on those that you've already started.

Afternoon 1pm – 2pm

Portfolio Development:

Preparing a portfolio to demonstrate your learning, development and achievements during your training is an essential part of the final stages of your programme. Your portfolio will travel with you into your professional role and continue to be the focus for managing and charting your development and supporting you in progressing with your career. This session aims to outline good and bad practice when constructing a portfolio as well as highlighting important areas for consideration, for example the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework.

Afternoon 2pm – 3pm

Preparing for Interviews:

Got an interview coming up? Need some help preparing? Discover how to market yourself effectively and what to expect from an interview by coming to this interactive session. We'll tell you everything you need to know about interview preparation, typical questions and successful interview etiquette.