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Taking on the new nursing associate role

The nursing family is expanding with the government planning to introduce the role of nursing associate to the NHS. This new role will allow staff to gain the advanced knowledge and skills to make a huge difference to patients and their families.

As someone who is taking on the post of nursing associate you are a pioneer. As one of the first 2,000 trainees in the pilot schemes, what you learn throughout your training will be really important for the success of this new role.

Your experience will be used to shape the training and the role for the thousands of nursing associates who will follow you, so it's important that we understand how you feel it is working and how your training goes.

Tell us how it's going

UNISON is working at a national level in the development and oversight of the nursing associate pilots and our job is to make sure that all trainee nursing associates are treated fairly. If that's not happening, or you have any concerns about your training, please contact us – we can help.

Work-based training is a fantastic way of learning as you get to put theory into practice as you go along. But it can also be challenging to juggle the pressures of the day job alongside your studies.

UNISON is the largest union representing healthcare staff and students across the UK. We are here to help you balance your work, your practice placements and your study.

We have more workplace representatives than any other union and a wealth of experience in advising and helping our members whatever the issue – from employment problems to learning support and professional issues.

So, if you need help or advice, or just want to tell us about how your training is going, get in touch. You can contact your local rep or your branch. If you want help to contact the right person, please call us free on 0800 0 857 857.

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