



SFA Alumni Profile

Chelsea Jones – West Midlands Ambulance Service Trainee Paramedic

What do you do in your job?

My job role is similar to a paramedic. I attend to people when they need medical help. I work as an ambulance technician with paramedics to provide pre-hospital medical care. I help to provide front line care on 999 calls and respond to all kinds of accidents and emergencies.

How did you get to where you are?

Once I finished my GCSEs I stayed on at sixth form and completed my A-level qualifications. When I finished my A-levels I was still undecided completely on what career path I wanted to choose, so I took a gap year and became a manager at Dominos. During this time, I was applying for a few different career options. I was applying to become a firefighter or within the 999 call rooms answering calls. It wasn't until almost a year and a half after I left school I fully decided what I wanted to do and I applied for the Student Paramedic Apprenticeship with West Midlands Ambulance Service. I completed all my training and assessments and have now progressed onto becoming an Ambulance Technician. I am now due to start a university course to become a paramedic and progress in my career further.

What has been your proudest achievement or what do you enjoy most about your job?

My proudest achievement within my job would be when I achieved my technician qualification as I had managed to pass a multitude of exams and assessments to get to where I was. I was also proud of this moment as I struggled with exams and even had to re-sit a few because of this, so when I achieved my technician qualification I was extremely proud of this.

The thing that I enjoy most about my job is seeing the impact you have on peoples' lives from the moment you arrive at a job to the point you get them to hospital.

What school subjects do you think are most useful to the job you do?

I believe that majority of my subjects that I took at both GCSE and A-level have helped me at some point throughout my career. For my GCSEs I took maths, English, science, graphics, art, PE, French and RE. For my A-levels I chose biology, psychology, ICT and philosophy and ethics. The majority of these subjects assist me within my career choice on a daily basis, especially science, English, maths, PE and philosophy and ethics. This is because my job is quite a physically demanding job at times, and I also need to be able to communicate effectively with people from a multitude of different backgrounds. I also need to be able to make decisions that are in people's best interests. Maths is required daily whilst dealing with different medications. Within my role technology is used daily and plays a massive part within my job.

What advice would you give to our students to help them in their career journey?

Never give up and even though you may not know exactly what you want to do with your career right at this moment in time, you will find a career path that suits you.