# Joanna McMurchy

**1 minute, 38 seconds in length**

Video Description: Joanna McMurchy addresses the camera directly throughout the entire video

Hi, my name is Joanna and I'm a second-year nursing student here at Trent University. Trent has a four-year collaborative program as well as a 28-month compressed program. In my program, I get the opportunity to go out into the real world and practice my skills there in many different settings. So far, I have been in the long-term care setting as well as a maternity ward. In class, we do the practical, so we get weekly labs in the DNA building here at Trent, and we get to work with simulation dummies that simulate a real-life person that we may experience in the practical setting. We also have theory based courses, so we learn what it's like to be a nurse and then actually get the chance to experience it. The first semester of first year is very general, they give you two theory courses as well as an anatomy course, an elective, and a general life science course. Second semester of first year is when you start your practical placement, so you're jumping right into it after that first semester and you'll have a clinical placement throughout your four years. Next semester I'm getting the opportunity to travel to Honduras with a local organization in Peterborough, Friends of Honduran Children, and I'll be taking part in a medical brigade, so we're actually going with other healthcare professionals and supplying healthcare to the people of Honduras in rural settings. My time here at Trent has been fantastic, I wouldn't change a single moment of it.