



A Graduate's Story

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Tips & Advice from a Graduate

A little bit about me



Was working as a receptionist in an insurance brokers when I decided to apply for the apprenticeship



Started the course as a mature student (26) with minimal college experience



Now studying for my MDI qualification & hoping to achieve the ACII in the near future



Time management & planning are essential



Make a calendar highlighting key dates: exams & deadlines



Ask for help, don't get overwhelmed



Plan your study as well as your free time, be sure to give yourself a break

Tips for managing your workload

Advice for Exams



Re-watch lectures – great for picking up hints



Take notes



All the CA points add up

Capstone Project



Pick a topic you are interested in or in your current field



I work in claims and chose a claims related topic – made the research interesting



Don't tackle it all at once, break it up into bitesize pieces



Use your time with your supervisor wisely

Don't leave things to the last minute!



STICK TO YOUR STUDY PLAN &
CALENDAR



GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO
PROOFREAD YOUR WORK



GET YOUR ASSIGNMENTS
DONE EARLY SO YOU CAN
CONCENTRATE ON STUDY



This degree will stand to you & sets you apart from the rest



CIP/QFA is industry standard; apprenticeship degree offers you more opportunities



Foundation for further qualifications & advancing your career

Career Advancement & Further Study

Benefits of developing within your organisation

- Your organisation has invested in your development
- You are a valuable asset to the company
- In my experience, you will be considered for positions ahead of other applicants



Looking Back: Benefits of the Apprenticeship Programme

Clear career path

Real life skills and relevant work experience – even the group projects were beneficial!

Confidence in your field

Personal Development



Congrats on making it this far!

**Best of luck with the rest of your
studies.**



Questions?