G. PhD Division of Medicine, 2009

UCL Faculty:

- Medical Sciences

Current Role:

- Consultant Clinical Psychologist
- Lecturer

Sector:

- Health
- Higher Education

G. is Consultant Clinical Psychologist with the NHS and a Lecturer at UCL. G. states that her employer has remained the same throughout her PhD. G.'s PhD examined psychological interventions for family carers of people with dementia. G.'s motivation to forge her career in the field of psychology is longstanding and she has not sought after a significant shift in her career.

G. tells us that having a PhD is essential for her career progression and that it is necessary for PhD supervisors at UCL. G. adds that her Doctorate of Clinical Psychology was the more important one for her career in the NHS. She feels that her PhD training enabled her to gain technical and statistical skills, as well as a wide range of transferable skills.

While G. did not face particular challenges to entering employment after her PhD, she offers a single piece of advice for those considering a PhD, and it is that it is useful for an academic career. If on maternity leave and you need to write up your thesis, G. encourages you not to attempt to combine the two.

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