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Academic Lecturer Stories

Meet Laura

Why did you decide to become a lecturer? I took on the role of lead clinical tutor within my clinical role and thoroughly enjoyed teaching and working with student orthoptists. I also had a keen interest in research and I was always keen to build on my orthoptic knowledge. It was one of the best decisions I have made.

What is the most challenging part of your role? When a student does not believe in themselves and what they can achieve. They always prove themselves wrong!

What skills do you find essential for your job?
Open mindedness, flexibility, enthusiasm

What is a typical day like in your current role? A typical day in my academic role involves a range of teaching activities. I deliver lectures, tutorials and practical teaching to orthoptic students with real patients within the eye clinic. Beyond the university semester, my time is dedicated to developing new teaching material and planning for the upcoming academic year.

How would you define your role in 3 words?
Challenging, fulfilling and fascinating.

What do you love most about your role?
Witnessing students progress in their learning and watching light bulb moments!

Any advice for people considering becoming a lecturer in orthoptics? If you are passionate about orthoptics, research and contributing to the future of the profession, I would hugely encourage you to pursue an academic career in orthoptics.

What are your aspirations in your career? I would love to develop my teaching skills as an orthoptic lecturer and contribute to a continuously evolving and positive environment where students can thrive.



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