

Academic Lecturer Stories

Meet Claudine

Why did you decide to become a lecturer? I had been a visiting clinical supervisor for one year, when a vacancy for a part-time Orthoptic Lecturer was advertised in 2014. I was delighted to be offered this position and continued to work one day a week in the NHS.

What do you love most about your role? I love motivating the orthoptic graduates of the future. I want them to have a rewarding career like mine, which I have had for over 33 years. I have enjoyed all my roles as an orthoptist, but this has been the best job for me to share my passion for orthoptics.



Claudine Wallace

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What is a typical day like in your current role? A typical day for me now as Programme Lead can be anything from writing and delivering lectures, overseeing student-led binocular vision clinics, writing and marking exams and promoting the orthoptic profession in our admissions process.

What skills do you find essential for your job? Passion for the orthoptic profession, desire to teach, and ability to work flexibly.

How would you define your role in 3 words? Privilege, Rewarding, Enjoyable

What are your aspirations in your career? I wanted to be an orthoptist from the age of 8, and it is absolutely incredible that I am a Senior Lecturer and Programme Lead of the only course in Scotland. My aspirations are entirely based on producing excellent orthoptists!

Any advice for people considering becoming a lecturer in orthoptics? I invite any keen practice educators to come and spend some time shadowing the academic staff at their nearest HEI. We would love to have you participate in clinical labs, shadow lectures, help with practical exams, and give you a true insight into this fabulous job.

