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What does your current role involve?

Lead for clinical education,
Supporting students on clinical placement
Teaching clinical phonetics
Voluntary voice & communication work with trans clients
RCSLT adviser and Digital oversight committee member

What was your first role after graduating?

Generalist therapist working with adults in an acute setting, children in community clinics and young people at a special school.

At what stage did you decide which area of the profession you wanted to work in?

It's changed all the time and I've never done what I expected to do!

How did you progress from your first role to your current job?

I developed a specialist area (bilingual children) and then began to undertake research. I investigated higher qualifications and found excellent tutors who inspired me to sign up for a PhD.
My current work with trans people was because I had the skills and offered to help.

How have you used CPD to help you progress in your career?

I have always kept a CPD diary and this has helped me reflect on my practice and decide where I'd like to learn more.
When I started my voluntary work I used my CPD skills to find out more about the client group, meeting other therapists at a Clinical Excellence Network.

My advice to students looking to get into my current area of work:

Do some voluntary work
Get to know as much as possible about the evidence base by reading and reviewing research papers
Develop a portfolio to demonstrate your learning and development

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