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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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