

## Transcript of Maram Takriti Clip

Hello, my name is Maram Takriti, I went to university in 2018 and I just graduated in 2022 and I'm from Brighton.

So, in my first year of university, I had lots of fun, we had lots of lectures and seminars and I think the best thing about my degree was the fact that we had so many labs.

During the lockdown period, we had a lecture, and they would just do it on Zoom, on Teams and then that would be it which we normally do in person. In that that year they decided to have a 24-hour window period, we sit the exam whatever time wherever you are in the world, for that year.

And so then moving into third year I wasn't optimistic that we would go back in in-person yet. I did struggle with revising at home where I used to really love being in the library, studying with my friends, now I'm studying alone with noise from the house and there's a million things to do. I think the thing that kept me going is knowing that within my second-year university that I had to really work hard towards my end of year exam because I didn't know what they were going to look like.

After the vaccines roll-out came out I got an e-mail from the university saying that they're looking for students to work in the vaccine centre, so I was really excited to go outside to work because I hadn't seen any peers or anyone my age for quite a while now. So I was just a draw-up technician there and then I went on to be a vaccinator at Sussex County Hospital for the rest of my time until I graduated.

when I got the e-mail from the university saying that they're opening up again, I'm in my fourth year, in my final year, doing my master's now, I was used to the idea of OK now the normal is going to be the new normal. I think they tried their best and especially with the markings on the floor you know, two feet apart or was it five feet apart you can't be next you can't be next to someone else they had loads of hand sanitiser bottles everywhere.

In my second year we didn't have any OSCEs [Objective Structured Clinical Examination] and so my third year we were still unsure if OSCEs were going to run or not, how are they going to run, and then going into my fourth year I was really anxious because I hadn't really spoken to a patient since my first year of university and now completed second year without OSCE and third year OSCE online and now do fourth year OSCE where I should know all my 100 top drugs, where I should know how to communicate with patients.

Because the lockdown had eased, we were able to go on my placement so in my fourth year I had a hospital placement, and that was good to be out to see patients and communicate to them, seeing what medicines that they are on, and having my placement really helped me with my fourth year OSCE even though I was still nervous about it.

I was so proud of myself that I did that, like I'm ready now to be a pre-reg pharmacist like, I've got through the hardest part of my degree.

During my university experience I sat 5 exams which is not a lot. Thinking now, I'm in my fourth year of university, I have my OSCE then I have my modular exam in January then I had another I think 3 exams so my final year it was like 6-7 exams when I had only ever sat 5 in person!

Yeah, I'm very, very, very proud and very lucky that I had my tutor during my final year of university so, you know, he really helped me, pushed me through it and there was a whole point was like, I can't do it any more I just think maybe pharmacy isn't for me even though I had done 2 years of the hardest years I think online and a year before that then I had to think about the bigger picture that, you know, at the end of this I'm going to have a degree in pharmacy so yeah I mean it worked out.