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Reflecting on my research experience as part of my PhD journey









Previous work experience as an Acute Liaison Nurse for people with learning disabilities inspired me



Career ambition and get a 'Dr' title to my name



The joy of creating knowledge and sharing it



The opportunity was there & influence my teaching



Wanted to inspire other LD Nurses to do research



...and I like asking questions

About my research Research Question: What is the role of learning disabilities acute liaison nurses in acute healthcare services in the context of role theory? An exploratory sequential mixed methods study Stage 2: Mixed Methods Questionnaire Sub-question 2: 2.What are the factors (correlates) that influence how LD Acute Liaison Nurses experience their role, and what are their perceptions Stage 1: Documentary Analysis and experiences as they enact it? Sub-question 1: 1. What is expected of Data collection: online mixed methods questionnaire LD Acute Liaison Nurses as articulated in their job descriptions and person Participants: LD Liaison Nurses in England specifications? Sampling: Purposive + Non-probability Data collection: documents Sample size: 99 Participants: Job descriptions and Person Specifications Data Analysis: Descriptive & inferential statistics + Thematic analysis Sampling: Purposive **Builds** to QUAN + qual Sample size: 60-90 Data Analysis: Thematic analysis QUAL

Interpretation of Results

[QUAL → QUAN + qual]





Excitement the honeymoon period

Ignorance / uneducated phase

Floundering & some struggles



Recalibration



Emerging confidence



End is now in sight





Reviewing journal articles

Networking opportunities

Confidence in authoring journal articles and book chapters



Enhanced my critical thinking

Increased research my interest

Prospects for career progression

Contribution to knowledge

Being considered an expert

Enhancing & influencing practice when supporting people with learning disabilities to improve their health outcomes





In conclusion... Research is one of the key roles for LD nurses





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