



Case study with Nigel Thornton since passing his Level 3 Certificate of Professional Competence in Road Haulage through Aspire funding...

What attracted you to apply for Aspire funding?

I am involved in the transport industry, but my core knowledge base is Health and Safety. I needed to find a way of improving my knowledge base on the industry and this funding did exactly that.

What course did you apply for and why?

I undertook the Transport Managers CPC – Road Haulage course as I wanted to improve my transport industry knowledge, so that I can assist in helping our drivers stay compliant.

What proved the biggest challenge during your studies?

As I was doing this outside of work, setting the time aside to do the studying was the biggest challenge.

What's been the most rewarding aspect of the course?

The realisation that finding out the information I needed to undertake the course, will allow me to assist our workforce going forward.

Is there anything that surprised you about course?

The amount of content you need to know for the subject. I originally thought it would be easy to do, but it was far from that.

What new skills have you acquired as a result of the training?

My knowledge base has been greatly improved, giving me far more confidence to respond to questions being aimed at me in regards to daily logistical issues.

How did you find the experience?

Very rewarding, as doing it through Aspire / CILT via their distance learning it was a great experience, as I had to go find the information I needed, to satisfy my own nature. I found the interaction with the online tutor very helpful.

Is there anything else you would like to comment about your Aspire experience?

I believe that without this funding I would probably never have had the opportunity to gain this qualification / improved knowledge. Which would have meant that I would have not been able to perform my position in the work place as effectively and efficiently as I now can?

What advice would you give anyone considering applying for Aspire funding?

If you have potential, go for it, that's why they are offering this funding.