

Video Title: Environmental Health MSc – Gordon Beresford

My name is Gordon Beresford. I'm from the Isle of Man and I've done a Masters degree in Environmental Health.

I'm an Environmental Health technician with the Isle of Man government and my main duties are meat inspection and sampling. Since doing this course my role has changed completely. I no longer do any sampling. I still do meat inspection but I'm actually doing inspection of premises now; food premises inspections, which is much more interesting than what I did previously and much more enjoyable.

So when I was looking to do an environmental health course it was very important that it was professionally accredited, which the Derby one was. The reason I chose Derby is that it gave me that flexibility to be able to learn and study at my own pace. There didn't seem to be any other courses that I could do online that gave me the opportunity to do that.

I found that the support from the University was fantastic. I just had to pick a phone up, or I just had to write an email and within a day or 2 there was always someone there to help.

The part of the course I enjoyed the most was the residential course. It was a chance to get together with other like-minded people who had been through the same things, had the same questions and it was just an ideal opportunity to speak to people in the same boat.

Since achieving the degree I've gone on to promotion and also my role has changed within the department. I'm doing a much more varied job, a much more responsible job and I'm enjoying the job much more.