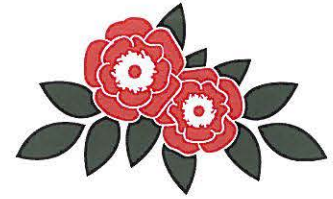


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Nurse wins award for academic excellence

Top student and dedicated nurse Patricia Whalley was recently presented with the Abacus Care Award at a ceremony held at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston.

Patricia, from Burnley, a student in the University's Faculty of Health, currently works as a Day Surgery Manager at Rochdale Infirmary. The Award is made on an annual basis by Abacus Care (Preston and Fylde), a prestigious local nursing agency specialising in continuing care nursing.

A nurse all her life, Patricia decided to take a nursing degree after the birth of her youngest child, in order to further her career.

"The degree has helped me to obtain a better understanding of policies and the dynamics of healthcare", she says.

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Please note: Photograph enclosed: Patricia Whalley receives her award. L-R Zofia Gibbons and Chris Gardner, Abacus Care (Preston and Fylde), Pat Whalley and Dr Bernard Gibbon, Head of Nursing Dept at University of Central Lancashire