

## Alumni profiles - Steve Kemp

PGDip Advancing Practice (Manual Therapy - MACP accreditation), Part-time 2009

Elite Football Physiotherapist for The Football Association and Perform - part of Spire Health Care at St George's Park

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Please provide a short paragraph detailing how your career has developed since graduating from the University of Birmingham.

After graduating with a PGDip from the University of Birmingham I immediately started a new role as Head of Medical Services at Wolverhampton Wanderers. Having the MACP qualification did improve my profile within the game and I was able to join the National Physiotherapy Advisory Group with the Football Association to assist in decisions regarding rules and regulations and CPD with professional Sport. I was then fortunate enough to be offered the position at the new Football Centre at St Georges Park to work with the Senior England squad and lead all rehabilitation at one of the best rehabilitation facilities in the world.



What is the best thing about the job you are doing now?

I work at one of the best facilities in the world with the opportunity to really impact on Sport Medicine in this country. I have the opportunity to lead cutting edge clinically based rehab for The FA, whilst still working with the Senior England squad on a regular basis. Most importantly I still see elite athletes on a daily basis as part of the PFA scheme and regular referrals from numerous sports.

What advice would you give to current students studying on the course?

Ensure you put effort into all modules, they have been carefully designed to ensure you graduate with a balanced opinion of what is needed in your future career. Some modules may not be in your chosen areas, but these modules are often the ones where you will learn the most.

How did you grow as a person by studying at University? Did it change your life in any way?

I was working full-term and had my first two children whilst studying. It taught me to manage my time carefully and focus on what needed to be done.