

# Entry requirements, skills and interests (cardiology)

This page provides useful information about the entry requirements needed for this specialty up to and including [foundation training](#) [1]. It also includes information on the skills and interests you will need.

## Entry requirements

Prior to starting your specialty training you need to have completed a medical degree followed by the two-year Foundation Programme [2] and two or three years of core training. If you have already made a decision to pursue a career in cardiology, try to do research and rotations in relevant areas such as diabetes, endocrinology, [oncology](#) [3], general practice, elderly care, rheumatology or [respiratory](#) [4] medicine.

To find information about getting into medical school, visit our [applying for medical school](#) pages [5] and find out more about [applying for foundation training](#) [6].

It is useful to get relevant work experience during the Foundation Programme to test out your interest in cardiology.

## Skills and interests

The skills and interests you will need include:

- able to motivate and manage yourself
- analytical judgement
- making complex decisions in difficult situations
- confidence in referring to others when something is outside your expertise
- an interest in the [cardiovascular](#) [7] system and effective therapy
- high energy levels
- working in and having the potential to lead a team
- able to communicate well with colleagues and patients

If you're applying for a role either directly in the NHS or in an organisation that provides NHS services you'll be asked to show how you think the NHS values apply in your everyday work. The same will be true if you're applying for a university course funded by the NHS.

Find out more about NHS values. [8]

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