

Entry requirements, skills and interests (clinical genetics)

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 then two or three years of core training. If you have already made a decision to pursue a career in clinical genetics, try to get experience in the specialty or a related area.

To find information about getting into medical school, visit our applying to medicine pages [3].

To find information about the Foundation Programme, visit our applying for foundation training [4] page.

Skills and interests

The skills and interests you will need include:

- empathetic approach to patients and families
- advocating on behalf of parents and families
- communicating information both verbally and in writing in appropriate ways
- being prepared to keep up-to-date with advances in clinical genetics, eg the molecular aspects of disease and investigation
- working in multidisciplinary teams
- teaching and supervising trainees
- promoting public awareness of ethical and moral issues related to genetic testing

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. [5]

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[1] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Foundation_training

[2] <http://www.foundationprogramme.nhs.uk>

[3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-medicine/applying-medical-school>

[4] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/working-health/information-doctors/foundation-training-programme/applying-foundation>

[5] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/about/working-health/nhs-constitution>