

# Entry requirements (education and training)

This page has information on the entry requirements and skills needed for an education and training role in [health informatics](#) <sup>[1]</sup>.

Entry requirements into education and training roles in [health informatics](#) <sup>[1]</sup> will depend on the role.

It is possible to start in an entry level post without formal qualifications, but GCSEs or equivalent qualifications are an advantage. [Apprenticeships](#) <sup>[2]</sup> in [health informatics](#) <sup>[1]</sup> are also available.

Education and training qualifications at QCF level three or above may also be needed for some roles. More senior education and training posts are likely to need a degree or equivalent experience or even a master's qualification. You should always check the person specification for specific posts to fully understand the requirements.

[The NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme](#) <sup>[3]</sup> also has a [health informatics](#) <sup>[1]</sup> strand for graduates with relevant degrees.

## • Personal characteristics and skills

Good communication and team working skills are needed for all roles within education and training roles. Many roles will also require good presentation, IT and organisational skills.

You'll also need to have strong influencing skills, and show political awareness and sensitivity, as health is a complex system. You'll need to be enthusiastic, be able to work under pressure and on your own initiative. Certain roles will need specific skills and you should look at job descriptions on [NHS Jobs](#) <sup>[4]</sup> when applying.

## **Links**

[1] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Informatics> [2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/secondary-school-or-fe-college/apprenticeships-traineeships-and-cadet-schemes> [3] <http://www.nhsgraduates.co.uk/the-scheme/specialisms/> [4] <http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/>