

Entry requirements, skills and interests (ED)

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 endocrinology and diabetes, try to get experience in it through taster events and placements

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:

- looking after people with long term conditions
- communicating effectively with patients, relatives and colleagues
- attending to detail
- investigating and solving diagnostic puzzles
- carrying out research to improve our understanding of basic processes and to develop new investigations and treatments (particularly if you choose an academic clinician route)
- working in and sometimes leading a multidisciplinary team
- teaching and training junior staff
- improving public health, eg promoting understanding of the link between diet and diabetes

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>