

# Entry requirements, skills and interests (gastroenterology)

This page provides useful information about the entry requirements needed for this specialty up to and including [foundation training](#) <sup>[1]</sup>. 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](#) <sup>[2]</sup> and then two or three years of core training. <sup>[2]</sup> If you have already made a decision to pursue a career in gastroenterology, try to get experience in the specialty or a related area, eg a British Society of Gastroenterology taster course, acute gastrointestinal emergencies in the A&E Department.

To find information about getting into medical school, visit our [applying to medicine pages](#) <sup>[3]</sup>.

To find information about the Foundation Programme, visit our [applying for foundation training](#) <sup>[4]</sup> page.

## Skills and interests

The skills and interests you will need include:

- the ability to make decisions under pressure
- good communication skills
- consultation skills
- the ability to cope with your own stress and other people's
- managerial skills
- being able to work as a member of a multidisciplinary team
- good organisational skills
- an enjoyment of practical procedures

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.](#) <sup>[5]</sup>

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[1] [https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Foundation\\_training](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>

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