

Entry requirements, skills and interests (GUM)

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 genitourinary medicine, try to get a placement or taster experience in this 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:

- excellent communication
- working in a multidisciplinary team and, when appropriate, providing team leadership
- an open-minded, sensitive, non-judgemental approach
- tolerance of all patients regardless of age, race, gender or sexuality
- a [holistic](#) [5] approach to patient care

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.](#) [6]

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

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