

# Entry requirements, skills and interests (medical oncology)

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 medical [oncology](#) [3], try to get experience in the specialty or related areas such as palliative medicine.

To find information about getting into medical school, visit our [applying to medicine](#) pages [4].

To find information about the Foundation Programme, visit our [applying for foundation training](#) [5] page.

## Skills and interests

The skills and interests you will need include:

- communicating with patients on shared patient decision making
- working in and, where appropriate, leading a multidisciplinary team

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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[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/glossary#Oncology>

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

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

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