Entry requirements (project and programme management)

This page has information on the entry requirements and skills needed for project and programme management roles in health informatics [1].

It is possible to start in an entry level post without formal qualifications but GCSEs or equivalent qualifications are an advantage.

Apprenticeships [2] in health informatics [1] are also available.

More senior project and programme management roles are likely to need a degree or equivalent experience. A project or programme management qualification may also be helpful such as PRINCE2, APM or Managing Successful Programmes (MSP). Many IT projects in health now use the AGILE project management methodology.

The NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme [3] also has a health informatics [1] strand for graduates with relevant degrees.

Want to learn more?

- Find more information on careers in project management [4].

- ## Personal characteristics and skills

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

    You'll also need to have strong influencing skills, 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 when applying for jobs.

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] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/management/roles-management/project-manager