

# Entry requirements, skills and interests (pharmaceutical medicine)

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 immunology, try to get 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:

- clinical knowledge
- expertise of acute and continuing clinical management and care
- wide prescribing and monitoring the effects of medicines
- clinical judgement, with evidence of capacity to prioritise clinical need and to maximise safety and minimise risk
- an understanding of the basic principles of scientific and clinical research methodologies and evidence-based medical practice
- working with others in teams
- communicating clearly and effectively in written and spoken English
- managing and prioritising time and information
- using critical thinking to understand and solve complex problems
- working under pressure
- having a high degree of professional integrity and respect for others
- having a capacity for self-awareness, self-motivation and reflective practice
- being committed to personal and professional development

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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### **Links**

[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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