

Entry requirements, skills and interests (MMV)

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

Before you train as a medical microbiologist and virologist you must complete a degree in medicine and have obtained a MBBS or equivalent qualification. Find out more about getting into medical school. [2]

You then need to complete a two-year foundation programme [3], two or three years of core training and then two years of combined infection training. After successfully completing your first year of foundation training you become eligible for registration as a doctor with the General Medical Council (GMC) [4]. Foundation training includes undertaking rotations in a range of specialties.

Skills and interests

Medical microbiologists and virologists need:

- the ability to communicate effectively with people with a wide range of hospital and medical colleagues
- the ability to influence others and to prioritise effectively
- a patient and persistent approach as some patients may need subsequent treatments
- excellent organisational skills
- good problem-solving and decision-making skills
- the ability to work well within multidisciplinary teams
- scientific curiosity
- leadership ability

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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[1] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Foundation_training

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

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

[4] <http://www.gmc-uk.org/>

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