

Entry requirements, skills and interests (community sexual and reproductive healthcare)

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 in community sexual and reproductive healthcare (CSRH) you must complete a degree in medicine and have obtained a MBBS or equivalent qualification. Find out about getting into medical school. [2]

You then need to complete a two-year foundation programme [3]. After successfully completing your first year of foundation training [1] you become eligible for registration as a doctor with the General Medical Council (GMC). Foundation training [1] includes undertaking rotations in a range of specialties.

To find information about the Foundation Programme, visit our applying for foundation training [4] page.

Skills and interests

CSRH consultants need:

- sensitivity and listening skills with a non-judgmental approach
- emotional resilience, compassion and patience to support vulnerable patients
- manual dexterity for surgical procedures
- excellent communication skills and a sense of humour
- a positive attitude towards sexuality and the diversity of its expression
- a holistic [5] approach to medicine
- good organisational skills with the ability to multi-task
- good problem-solving and decision-making skills
- the ability to work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary team and alongside colleagues from varied backgrounds
- leadership ability
- an interest in the wider aspects of health, including human rights, health psychology, morals, ethics, religion, politics, law and economics

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

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

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

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

[5] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Holistic>

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