Skills and interests (school nurse)

Find out more about the varying skills required by school nurses.

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As a school nurse you'll need to be well organised, confident and able to cope with potentially challenging situations, such as working with a homeless family or in a refuge. You should be able to work independently for most of your time, although you will still be part of a team of other healthcare staff. You'll be responsible for people with a range of needs, so being flexible and able to prioritise effectively is vital.

On a daily basis you'll need to use a broad range of skills, including:

- listening and communication
- problem solving
- good judgement
- offering advice

School nurses work primarily at levels 5 to 7 of the Skills for Health Career Framework [1].

You might also find it helpful to take a look at our career planning section [2] to think more about what and skills and qualities you have to offer.
[2] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/developing-your-career/competency-frameworks