

Entry requirements, skills and interests (clinical radiology)

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 clinical radiologist you must complete a degree in medicine and have obtained a MBBS or equivalent qualification. To find information about getting into medical school, visit our applying to medicine pages [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 including surgery.

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

Skills and interests

Clinical radiologists need:

- an analytical mind, an eye for detail and good observational skills
- a keen interest in anatomy, physiology [5] and pathology
- a good understanding of general medicine and surgery
- manual dexterity for certain roles
- good clinical knowledge across all specialties
- good organisational ability and ability to manage a busy role
- the ability to work well in a team and to manage others effectively
- excellent verbal communication skills to deal with patients and colleagues
- excellent written communication skills for accurate report-writing

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>

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

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

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