



Allied health professionals

Every day, our allied health professionals play a crucial role in treating, rehabilitating and improving the lives of patients. There are 15 different roles available, working across a range of sectors from emergency response and diagnosis to mental and physical rehabilitation.

Featured roles

There are lots of allied health professional roles available, and these are just some of the ones we're recruiting for.

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Diagnostic radiographer

You'll use cutting-edge technology to look inside a patients' bodies and help understand and diagnose any conditions they may have.

Becoming a diagnostic radiographer ^[1]



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Paramedic

You'll work in a range of emergency and non-emergency situations, using your judgement and skills to quickly assess a patient's condition and make life-saving decisions.

Becoming a paramedic ^[2]



- Podiatrist**

You'll treat and care for people whose feet and legs have been affected by injury or illness, by relieving pain, treating infections and improving their mobility.

Becoming a podiatrist ^[3]



- Physiotherapist**

You'll help people improve their mobility and regain their independence by recommending specialist exercises, carrying out massage and using high-tech equipment.

Becoming a physiotherapist ^[4]



- Occupational therapist**

You'll help all kinds of people overcome all kinds of challenges, whether it's someone recovering from trauma or learning to live with a disability, so they can live as fully and independently as possible.

Becoming an occupational therapist ^[5]



- ## Orthoptist

You'll diagnose and treat visual impairments and eye movement disorders, directly changing a patient's quality of life.

Becoming an orthoptist ^[6]



- ## Prosthetists/orthotist

You'll use the latest technology to create and fit artificial limbs or aids, transforming patients' lives by helping them to run or walk better, or simply stand without pain.

Becoming a prosthetist or orthotist ^[7]



Therapeutic radiographer

You'll be a source of hope and care for cancer patients, designing treatment plans and using some of the most complex and advanced technology to treat tumours.

Becoming a therapeutic radiographer ^[8]



Planning a return to healthcare?

Your knowledge and skills are invaluable to us, and we're here to make your return to healthcare as straightforward as possible.

[Learn more](#) ^[9]

Discover more roles

From drama and music therapy to surgery and recovery, there are plenty more roles in the allied health professions to choose from.

- **Art therapist**

You'll help patients of all ages express their feelings and emotions through creative activities, when communicating verbally about an issue may be too hard.

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- **Dietitian**

You'll work directly with individuals and communities to help promote healthy eating habits and to support patients with dietary related health issues.

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- **Dramatherapist**

You'll use role play, voice work, movement and storytelling to help patients overcome personal or social problems and build self-awareness and self-confidence.

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- **Music therapist**

You'll use different forms of music to help clients of all ages create positive changes in their emotional wellbeing when verbal communication is too difficult.

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- **Operating department practitioner**

You'll provide support and care through all stages of a patient's surgical procedure including anaesthetics, surgery and recovery.

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- **Osteopath**

You'll be an expert in the musculoskeletal system. You'll use physical therapy and health advice to treat and support a range of health issues.

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- **Speech and language therapist**

You'll provide treatment, support and care for children and adults who have difficulty communicating, eating, drinking or swallowing.

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Get your free step-by-step guide to the allied health professions

Sign up to our email guide for more about AHP roles and where they can take you, routes in, and how to write a stand out application.

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