

Is a health career right for you?

If you are currently out of work or looking to change careers and are interested in a job or career in health, you may find the links on this page useful.

Did you know there are more than 350 different roles [1] in health? You can work in the NHS, a charity or a partnership between the NHS and a local authority department, such as social care or children's services, and there's a wide range of roles in private healthcare too.



You will undoubtedly have transferable skills and experiences.

Whatever your background, previous work experience or qualifications there will be a full-time or part-time healthcare role for you.

Here are just some of the reasons you may wish to move into healthcare:

- perhaps you are interested in working directly with patients or helping to support those staff that do
- perhaps you have knowledge you could bring to working in healthcare science; in a laboratory testing role, at the cutting edge of medical research or using and maintaining state of the art equipment
- you could work in a range of settings including hospitals, clinics or in the community alongside social care workers
- you may wish to use previous experience and qualifications in areas such as administration, accountancy or management
- or perhaps you would like to use your practical skills, such as catering, gardening or plumbing in a different workplace

Find out more about [working in health](#) [2]

Follow the links below to help inform your thinking about a career in health.

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