Study and training

The Health Careers website has lots of useful information about study and training, whatever your age.

This page provides general information about the options open to you. For specific information about training for particular roles, please look at the information in our explore roles [1] section.

If you’re at secondary school or FE college you can find information on:

- choosing GCSEs [2]? how to ensure you choose the right subjects for a career in healthcare
- choosing A-levels [3]? and other equivalent qualifications
- finishing A-levels or qualification at level 3 [4]? outlines the main choices open to you

No longer at school?

Take a look at the options below.

- At school, college or have left
If you’re at school or FE college or have already left, you can find information on:

- apprenticeships, traineeships and cadet schemes [5] ? find out the different opportunities available in health, public services and care

- Considering or at university

If you’re considering or already at university you can find information on:

- applying to university through UCAS [6]? including tips on applying for dentistry and medicine
- the range of clinical courses available using our course finder [7]
- financial support at university [8] ? how to finance your studies and details of changes currently taking place to financial support for health courses
- training opportunities with a degree [9] ? details of the programmes on offer if your first degree is not directly related to a career in health
- support at university [10] ? information on the help available should you need extra support

- Have left university

If you’re a graduate, there?s a range of graduate training opportunities available:

- accelerated programmes [11] ? find out about accelerated or shortened pre-registration courses in certain clinical professions
- NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme [12] - a fast-track programme to prepare you to work as a senior manager in healthcare
- NHS Graduate Surveyor Trainee Programme [13] ? a two-year programme providing the opportunity to gain membership of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and achieve chartered surveyor status
- NHS Scientist Training Programme [14] ? a training programme for science or engineering graduates to work in a wide range of senior healthcare science roles, including clinical bioinformatics, life sciences, physical sciences and physiological sciences
- specialty training in public health [15] ? information on how to train as a public health specialty registrar with or without a degree in medicine

- Already working in health

If you’re already working in health, here are some training opportunities and resources you might want to try:

- E-learning for healthcare [16] ? extensive free online training resources for NHS staff
- Clinical academic careers [17] ? find out about funded training towards qualifications such as a master?s degree or PhD and the types of clinical research programmes available
- Higher Specialist Scientist Training (HSST) [18] - if you are a registered and experienced clinical scientist, HSST could lead you into a consultant healthcare scientist role
- NHS Leadership Academy [19] ? information about the wide range of leadership and management programmes offered
If you are looking to change roles within the health sector, please visit our explore roles [1] section.

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[1] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/eXplore-ROLES
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