

Personal characteristics and skills required (operating department practice)

This page has information on the personal characteristics and skills needed for operating department practice (ODP).?

Skills needed to be a operating department practitioner include:

- caring and compassionate nature
- ability to work well as part of a team
- being able to work in a highly technical area
- excellent problem solving and organisational skills?
- being able to concentrate for lengthy periods of time
- very good communication skills
- thoughtful and conscientious approach to working
- being able to adapt to the environment including the potential to stand for long periods and react quickly in an emergency within a confined area

Being able to work in a highly technical area

Values and behaviours

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 values of the NHS Constitution [1] apply in your everyday work. The same will be true if you are applying for a university course funded by the NHS.?

Find out more about NHS values [2]

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[1] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#NHS_Constitution

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