

Entry requirements, skills and interests (haematology)

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 haematologist, 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] and then two or three years of core training. 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.

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

Skills and interests

Haematologists need:

- the ability to communicate effectively with people with a wide range of hospital and medical colleagues
- the ability to keep a cool head in an emergency
- a willingness to respond to new ideas, as disease management regimes change rapidly
- empathy towards patients with chronic and terminal disorders
- the ability to apply scientific knowledge to patient care
- excellent organisational skills
- good problem-solving and decision-making skills
- the ability to work well within multidisciplinary teams
- leadership ability

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 [5].

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Links

[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://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/about/working-health/nhs-constitution>