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- **Renal technology** ^[1]

Renal technology is used in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with kidney disease.

Training and qualifications required

Two or three A2 or A-levels (including science) plus GCSEs A-C grades to apply for the NHS Practitioner Training Programme (PTP) via an accredited BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Renal technology)

Expected working hours and salary range

NHS staff will usually work a standard 37.5 hours per week. They may work a shift pattern. Most jobs in the NHS are covered by the Agenda for Change (AfC) pay scales. As a healthcare science practitioner, you'd usually start on band 5, with opportunities to progress to more senior positions. Trainee clinical scientists train at band 6 level, and qualified clinical scientists are generally appointed at band 7. With experience and further qualifications, you could apply for posts up to band 9. Terms and conditions of service can vary for employers outside the NHS.

Desirable skills and values

Effective communication skills, an interest in science and technology, comfortable using modern technology and complex equipment, meticulous attention to detail and able to work as part of a team.

Prospects

With further training or experience or both, you may be able to develop your career further and apply for vacancies in areas such as further specialisation, management, research, or teaching.

Related roles

- Clinical measurement ^[2]

- Clinical engineering [3]
- Knowledge and library services [4]
- Experienced paramedic [5]

• **Clinical bioinformatics (health informatics)** [6]

Bioinformatics (health informatics [7]) combines computing science with information science, biology and medicine.

Training and qualifications required

For the NHS Scientist Training Programme (STP) you'll need a 1st or 2.1 either in an undergraduate honours degree or an integrated master's degree in a pure or applied science subject relevant to the specialism for which you are applying. If you have a relevant 2.2 honours degree, you will also be considered if you have a higher degree in a subject relevant to the specialism for which you are applying. Evidence of research experience is considered desirable. Your degree should have strong links with software engineering, informatics, computer science, physics, engineering, mathematics or a related science degree with a software development component.

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Desirable skills and values

Effective communication and team working skills, an interest in science and technology, comfortable using modern technology and complex equipment, meticulous attention to detail, good interpersonal skills.

Prospects

With further training and/or experience, you may be able to develop your career further and apply for vacancies in areas such as further specialisation, management, research, or teaching.

Related roles

- Clinical informatics [8]
- Knowledge and library services [4]
- Experienced paramedic [5]
- Emergency care assistant [9]

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