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- **Analytical toxicology** ^[1]

Analytical toxicology staff work in laboratories to detect, identify and measure drugs and other potentially harmful chemicals in body fluids for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of poisoning.

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'll 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. To enter Higher Specialist Scientist Training, you'll need to be a registered clinical scientist.

Expected working hours and salary range

In the NHS, you'd typically work a 37.5 hour week and be on Agenda for Change pay bands 6-9, depending on your role and level of responsibility. Terms and conditions of service will vary with employers outside of the NHS.

Desirable skills and values

Attention to detail, scientific research skills, a good team player.

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. With experience as a registered clinical scientist, you could apply for Higher Specialist Scientist Training, which would enable you to work at consultant healthcare scientist level.

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