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- **Biomedical science** ^[1]

Biomedical scientists conduct laboratory and scientific tests to support the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Training and qualifications required

An accredited degree and registration with the Health and Care Professions Council. Occasionally there are trainee biomedical scientist positions for applicants with relevant A levels or appropriate level 3 qualifications.

Expected working hours and salary range

In the NHS you'd typically work a 37.5 hour week and be paid on Agenda for Change pay bands 5 - 9, depending on your role and level of responsibility. Terms and conditions of service will vary for employers outside of the NHS.

Desirable skills and values

Attention to detail, scientific research skills, comfortable with complex equipment and a good team player.

Prospects

You could work in many different NHS, government and private laboratories, including hospital, NHS Blood and Transplant and the UK Health Security Agency laboratories. Biomedical scientists can progress to other roles within healthcare science specialising in quality, safety, laboratory management, or in the wider pharmaceutical and healthcare science sector.

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