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## • Family and systemic psychotherapist <sup>[1]</sup>

Family and systemic psychotherapists work with groups and families to assess and treat a wide range of psychological and relationship problems affecting emotional, mental and physical health.

### Training and qualifications required

You must have a clinical qualification such as clinical psychology, social work, psychiatry or mental health nursing to train and practise as a family and systemic psychotherapist. You will also need substantial work experience that relates to the field of psychotherapy and an ability to reflect on your own life and relationships.

### Expected working hours and salary range

Newly qualified family and systemic psychotherapists are often employed at Band 7 on the NHS Agenda for Change pay scale. You may be able to progress to higher pay bands with further specialisation or in leadership and management positions.

### Desirable skills and values

You will need to be able to reflect on your own life and relationships.

### Prospects

You could specialise in areas such as eating disorders, or child and adolescent mental health. You could progress into a role where you supervise, lead or train other psychological professionals or undertake research.

## Related roles

- Experienced paramedic <sup>[2]</sup>
- Emergency care assistant <sup>[3]</sup>
- Health records staff <sup>[4]</sup>
- Clerk <sup>[5]</sup>

## • **Clinical pharmaceutical science** <sup>[6]</sup>

Clinical pharmaceutical science involves the manufacture and supply of radioactive substances used in the diagnosis and treatment of patients.

### **Training and qualifications required**

For the NHS Scientist Training Programme you'll need a 1st or 2.1 either in an undergraduate honours degree or an integrated master's degree in a relevant pure or applied science subject. 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 desirable.

### **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. 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**

You'll need effective communication skills, able to work effectively in a team, confident with technology, systems and processes, an interest in science and technology and pay meticulous attention to detail.

### **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**

- Nuclear medicine (healthcare scientist) <sup>[7]</sup>
- Pharmacist <sup>[8]</sup>
- Diagnostic radiographer <sup>[9]</sup>
- Radiotherapy physics <sup>[10]</sup>

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