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- **Tiler** ^[1]

Tilers cover walls or floors with tiles to provide smooth hygienic surfaces.

Training and qualifications required

Tilers who work in the NHS have experience and may have a qualification such as an NVQ in tiling. There are no set entry requirements to train as a tiler. Employers expect good numeracy and literacy and may ask for GCSEs (or equivalent) in English and maths. Employers may ask for experience in construction. An apprenticeship in estates maintenance can provide you with this. Employers may ask for a driving licence. When you start as a trainee tiler, your training will include health and safety, how to use the tools and equipment and all aspects of tiling. You will be expected to study for qualifications such as NVQs and may be encouraged to become multi-skilled by training in, for example, painting and decorating or plumbing.

Expected working hours and salary range

Estates staff working in the NHS are paid on the Agenda for Change (AfC) pay system. As an estates support worker, you would typically start on AfC band 2. As a qualified tiler you might start on AfC band 3. With further training and experience, you could apply for more senior positions at bands 4 and above. Tilers in the NHS are likely to work standard hours of around 37.5 a week. Some may work shifts including early starts, evenings and weekends. Terms and conditions will usually be different for tilers working outside of the NHS.

Desirable skills and values

Tilers need to be interested in design and colour, methodical, good at measuring, able to work quickly and accurately, physically fit for lifting, standing, bending, etc, health and safety aware and able to work alone or in a team. They also need practical skills, good manual (hand) skills, organisational skills and customer service skills.

Prospects

With experience, you could become a team leader, supervising the work of others. With further experience, you could become a manager, responsible for the maintenance and repairs service for a hospital, area or trust. There may be opportunities to move into other estates

services roles. Some tilers become self-employed by setting up a business, either on their own or with one or more colleagues.

Related roles

- [Estates technician](#) [2]
- [Painter and decorator](#) [3]
- [Plumber](#) [4]
- [Estates manager](#) [5]

• [Children's nurse](#) [6]

Child nursing involves everything from nursing a sick newborn to an adolescent road accident victim. You'll need to consider the care and support needed by the wider family, including parents and carers.

Training and qualifications required

Entry requirements for adult nursing degrees and nursing degree apprenticeships are set by the individual universities and employers respectively, but typically you will usually need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above plus two A-levels or equivalent qualifications, such as a T level or BTEC at level 3. Some universities may ask for three A-levels or equivalent.

Expected working hours and salary range

Child nurses in the NHS will usually work standard hours of 37.5 per week and will start at band 5 of Agenda for Change with opportunities to progress. Many child nurses will work shifts, especially within in-patient departments. Terms and conditions can vary for employers outside of the NHS, such as the police force or prison service.

Desirable skills and values

You'll need to be able to reassure distressed children, their family and carers. Verbal and non-verbal communication skills are important as well as the ability to play sensitively with a child. It's likely that you'll need to advise or teach the child's parents/carers what they'll need to do to treat a child at home. Respect, sensitivity and empathy are also important characteristics for a child nurse.

Prospects

Some nurses decide to do into management, teaching or clinical academic research. With additional education and training, you could also specialise in roles such as health visiting, neo-natal nursing or school nursing. There are also opportunities to become nurse consultants.

Related roles

- [Neonatal nurse](#) [7]
- [Health play staff](#) [8]
- [Health visitor](#) [9]
- [Healthcare assistant](#) [10]

- **Nuclear medicine (healthcare scientist)** ^[11]

Nuclear medicine is the use of radioactive substances (such as radiolabelled pharmaceuticals) to help diagnose and treat patients.

Training and qualifications required

A-levels including at least one science (or alternative level-3 qualifications) to join the NHS Practitioner Training Programme (PTP) by taking the three-year BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (nuclear medicine).

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

A mature, calm, confident but sympathetic approach, confident with technology, systems and processes, an interest in science and technology, good communication skills, 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

- Pharmacist ^[12]
- Therapeutic radiographer ^[13]
- Knowledge and library services ^[14]
- Experienced paramedic ^[15]

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