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Design and engineering [1]

Healthcare building programmes in the UK - creating new hospitals and health centres, and modernising existing facilities - means opportunities for architects, engineers and other specialists.

Training and qualifications required

The precise qualifications and training will depend on your role. For example, senior estates managers are usually qualified and chartered engineers, architects or surveyors.

Expected working hours and salary range

Most jobs in the NHS are covered by the Agenda for Change (AfC) pay scales. This pay system covers all staff except doctors, dentists and the most senior managers. Your career in NHS management would typically start at Agenda for Change Band 6 or 7, with some positions at Band 5, and the most senior roles rising to Band 9 for example, as a professional manager for a technical service. NHS staff will usually work a standard 37.5 hours per week. They may work a shift pattern. Terms and conditions of service can vary for employers outside the NHS.

Desirable skills and values

You'll need leadership skills, a willingness to work with others and respect their views, good communication skills, effective organisational skills, negotiating skills, confidence with numbers, confidence with computers and IT, the ability to challenge the way things are and find better alternatives, honesty and fairness in dealing with other people and a commitment to the ideals of quality and fairness in delivering healthcare.

Prospects

There are opportunities to progress through junior into more senior managerial roles, with broader responsibilities, typically encompassing several functions or departments.

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