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• Surgical care practitioner [1]

Surgical care practitioners are members of the surgery team within the NHS. You'll support surgeons and other healthcare professionals before, during and after surgical procedures.

Training and qualifications required

You'll need to be a qualified and registered healthcare professional such as a nurse or allied health professional with at least 18 months experience.

Expected working hours and salary range

Surgical care practitioners in the NHS work standard hours, which are likely to be around 37.5 a week. While training, they will be paid at band 6 of the Agenda for Change pay rates and at band 7 after qualifying.

Desirable skills and values

You'll need a commitment to patient care and patient safety, an understanding surgical team and an aptitude for both clinical and operative practice.

Prospects

As a member of the surgical team, you'll be offered opportunities to develop your career further by learning more about service delivery. This will support your progression through the Agenda for Change banding structure.

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