

Compare roles in health

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Education and training roles [1]

Educators and trainers in health informatics [2] are responsible for making sure that staff are able to use the latest technology so that the benefits it offers for patient care are realised.

Training and qualifications required

Entry requirements into education and training roles in health informatics will depend on the role and level you are at in the Health Informatics Career Framework. It is possible to start in an entry level post without formal qualifications but GCSEs or equivalent qualifications are an advantage. Apprenticeships in health informatics are also available. Education and training qualifications at QCF level three or above may also be needed for some roles. More senior education and training posts are likely to need a degree or equivalent experience or even a master's qualification. You should always check the person specification for specific posts to fully understand the requirements. The NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme also has a health informatics strand for graduates with relevant degrees.

Expected working hours and salary range

Most education and training jobs in the NHS are covered by Agenda for Change (AfC) pay scales. This pay system covers all staff except doctors, dentists and the most senior managers. You'll usually work standard hours of 37.5 per week. Terms and conditions for non-NHS employers and contractors will vary.

Desirable skills and values

Good communication and team working skills are needed for all roles within education and training roles. Many roles will also require good presentation, IT and organisational skills. You'll also need to have strong influencing skills, show political awareness and sensitivity as health is a complex system. You'll need to be enthusiastic, be able to work under pressure and on your own initiative.

Prospects

There are opportunities to progress your career into senior management roles. Most NHS organisations will now have chief information officers who lead the delivery of knowledge management systems locally. Courses in health informatics are also offered by some universities at undergraduate and masters level. The NHS has also developed training and courses to support you through your career. Many of these

will count towards your continued professional development and may lead to a formal professional qualification.

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