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• Medical support worker ^[1]

Being a medical support worker in the NHS offers international medical graduates experience of working in the NHS. Under supervision of a senior doctor, they are able to perform many essential routine clinical tasks.

Training and qualifications required

You'll need a medical degree from a university recognised by the GMC, proficiency in English to satisfy GMC requirements (Grade B OET or 7.5 IELTS for PLAB candidates), post-graduate clinical experience to include an internship and be resident in the UK and have the right to work.

Expected working hours and salary range

You'll be paid at band 6 of the NHS Terms and Conditions. You'll work 37 hours per week and it may involve some evenings and weekends

Desirable skills and values

You'll need the basic clinical skills needed to be a doctor and need to meet the GMC standards of "Good Medical Practice"

Prospects

Being a medical support worker provides opportunities in a wide number of medical specialties and is an excellent introduction to the NHS. Your next career step would be joining the GMC register, allowing you apply for specialist training or a job as a trust doctor.

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