

Entry requirements, skills and interests (paediatric cardiology)

This page provides useful information about the entry requirements needed for this specialty up to and including foundation training [1]. It also includes information on the skills and interests you will need.

Entry requirements

Before you train as a paediatric cardiologist you must complete a degree in medicine and have obtained a MBBS or equivalent qualification. Find out about getting into medical school. [2]

You then need to complete a two-year foundation programme [3]. After successfully completing your first year of foundation training [1] you become eligible for registration as a doctor with the General Medical Council (GMC). Foundation training [1] includes undertaking rotations in a range of specialties including paediatrics.

To find information about the Foundation Programme, visit our [applying for foundation training \[4\]](#) page.

Skills and interests

Paediatric cardiologists need:

- excellent communication skills and compassion?? to relate well to patients and their families
- emotional resilience and able to cope under pressure in sometimes difficult and demanding situations
- manual dexterity and good hand-eye coordination
- stamina and willingness to work very hard
- great attention to detail in order to care for patients with complex heart problems
- good problem-solving and decision-making skills
- the ability to work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary team with a clear understanding of different roles
- leadership ability

If you're applying for a role either directly in the NHS or in an organisation that provides NHS services you'll be asked to show how you think the NHS values apply in your everyday work. The same will be true if you're applying for a university course funded by the NHS.

Find out more about NHS values. [5]

Links

[1] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Foundation_training

[2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-medicine/applying-medical-school>

[3] <http://www.foundationprogramme.nhs.uk>

[4] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/working-health/information-doctors/foundation-training-programme/applying-foundation>

[5] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/about/working-health/nhs-constitution>