

## Personal characteristics and skills required (district nursing)

This page has information on the personal characteristics and skills needed for district nursing.

You will need to be adaptable and resourceful, working in a variety of workplaces and without the resources of a hospital at hand.

You'll need to be well organised, confident and able to cope in potentially challenging situations. Leadership and management skills are also important as you will supervise and lead a team of community staff nurses and healthcare assistants in the delivery of care.



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You might be responsible for people with a range of health needs so being highly organised, flexible and able to prioritise effectively will be vital. A good nurse is also highly observant, able to assess patients and take responsibility for determining the best course of action.

On a daily basis you'll need to use a broad range of skills, including

- listening and communication
- problem solving
- good judgement
- offering advice

## Values and behaviours

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 are applying for a university course funded by the NHS. In nursing, these values are defined by the 6Cs, part of the Leading Change, Adding Value framework:

- care
- compassion
- competence
- communication
- courage
- commitment

[Find out more about Leading Change, Adding Value](#) <sup>[1]</sup>.

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[1] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/about/working-health/6cs>

[2] <https://www.rcn.org.uk/>