

# Entry requirements, skills and interests (otorhinolaryngology)

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 surgeon 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] and then two years of core training. After successfully completing your first year of [foundation training](#) [1] you become eligible for registration as a doctor with the General Medical Council (GMC) [4]. [Foundation training](#) [1] includes undertaking rotations in a range of specialties including surgery. Whilst it is very important to experience a wide range of specialties in the foundation programme it is advantageous for aspiring ENT surgeons to be attached to ENT posts or posts allied to ENT eg paediatrics, ITU and other surgical specialties.

To find information about the Foundation Programme, visit our [applying for foundation training](#) [5] page.

In order to become an ENT surgeon you need to undertake further training as detailed below.

## Skills and interests

ENT surgeons need a special blend of skills and personal qualities. These include:

- good listening skills and the ability to work effectively with people who have communication difficulties
- practical skills such as good hand-eye co-ordination and manual dexterity
- excellent vision and visuo-spatial awareness
- good organisational ability and stamina to cope with a busy and demanding role
- the ability to both work in a team and manage others effectively

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. [6]

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**Links**

[1] [https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Foundation\\_training](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] <http://www.gmc-uk.org>

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

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