

# Medical education

This page outlines opportunities for working in medical education, the skills you will need and how to maximise your chances of getting in.

## What opportunities are there?

- most medical educators work in either universities or hospitals to support medical students or trainee doctors, or in a public health role in a local authority
- a drive to improve the quality of medical training has led to increasing opportunities in medical education
- there is also increasing professional support for those working in this area, from organisations such as the Academy of Medical Educators

## Opportunities in universities

Most university-based medical educators have transferred from a clinical career or continue to balance a clinical career with a research and teaching career as clinical academics. There are currently more opportunities for clinical academics because of the drive to involve more clinicians in undergraduate medical training.

## Opportunities in public health

Most work in a local authority, but it is also possible to work for agencies, such as the World Health Organisation in the UK or abroad.

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**What skills and qualities do I need?**

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- you should enjoy sharing your interest in a specialty or medical topic with other people
- you would need experience of teaching and training others
- writing research papers and presenting at conferences will be useful

## Getting in

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- you may need postgraduate qualifications in medical education, teaching qualifications or a PhD for some positions
- some Foundation Schools offer medical education as part of the Foundation programme. This includes timetabled experience of teaching and research followed by a funded teaching qualification

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## Further information

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- Academy of Medical Educators <sup>[1]</sup>
- Medical Education Journal <sup>[2]</sup>
- Association for the Study of Medical Education <sup>[3]</sup>
- AMEE: An International Association for Medical Education <sup>[4]</sup>
- World Health Organisation <sup>[5]</sup>
- Jobs.ac.uk <sup>[6]</sup> - academic, science and research jobs
- BMJ Careers <sup>[7]</sup>

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### Links

[1] <http://www.medicaleducators.org/>

[2] [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1365-2923](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1365-2923)

[3] <http://www.asme.org.uk/>

[4] <http://www.amee.org/>

[5] <http://www.who.int/en/>

[6] <http://www.jobs.ac.uk/>

[7] <http://careers.bmj.com/careers/hospital-medical-healthcare-doctors-jobs.html>