

## Entry requirements, skills and interests (CPT)

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

Prior to starting your specialty training you need to have completed a medical degree followed by the two-year foundation programme [2] and then two or three years of core training. If you have already made a decision to pursue a career in clinical neurophysiology, try to get experience in the specialty or related areas.

To find information about getting into medical school, visit our applying to medicine pages [3].

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

It is useful to get relevant work experience during the Foundation Programme to test out your interest in CPT (clinical pharmacology and therapeutics).

### Skills and interests

The skills and interests you will need include:

- meticulous attention to detail
- excellent communication skills - to work with patients and colleagues from a wide range of clinical and non-clinical backgrounds
- an interest in research and clinical trials
- the vision to see how a concept developed in the laboratory can improve clinical outcomes
- good organisational skills
- self-confidence and dedication to succeed in this small specialty

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]

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### Links

[1] [https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Foundation\\_training](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Foundation_training)

[2] <http://www.foundationprogramme.nhs.uk/pages/home>

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

[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>