

ORTHOPTICS



Starting salary for a newly qualified orthoptists in the NHS is Agenda for Change band 5 **£24,214** outside London ^[1]



Orthoptists work independently or with other eye specialists such as consultant eye surgeons (ophthalmologists), optometrists and nurses ^[2]



There are currently **3** universities offering degrees in orthoptics ^[3]

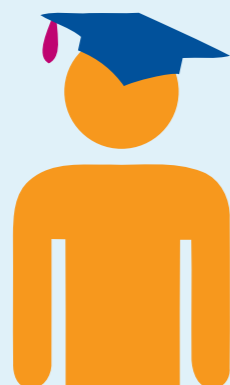


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1495 orthoptists are registered with the Health and Care Professions Council ^[4]



Length of training
Training usually takes **three or four years**. Courses involve a lot of practical work with patients as well as the theoretical knowledge you will need.

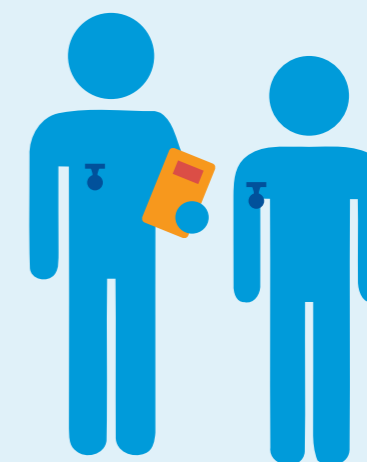


Entry requirements

Typically you will need a minimum of two or three A levels, including a science, along with five GCSEs (grades 9-4/A-C), including English language, maths and science or equivalent qualifications ^[5]



Standard working week in the NHS is **37.5 hours** ^[1]



Skills and qualities needed

You will need to be caring, interested in science and be able to work with adults or children. You'll have good organisational skills and be willing to work alone or in a team. ^[2]

Facts and figures taken from; [1] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/AfC [2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/orthoptist> [3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/courses> [4] <http://www.hcpc-uk.org/aboutregistration/theregister/stats/> [5] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/orthoptist/entry-requirements-and-training-orthoptist>