**Training**

- Last for 2 years on postgraduate programmes and 4 years for the undergraduate programme, and focuses on general adult medicine in hospitals and general practice.

**Training for the 2 year postgraduate route** includes:
- 1,600 hours of clinical training,
- 90 hours spent in mental health, surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, and paediatrics.

**Entry requirements**

- You’ll usually need a bioscience-related first degree to get onto one of the training programmes available. An undergraduate masters course is also available.

**Skills and qualities needed**

- Academic achievement, experience of working with the public, an interest in health or social care, the right values to work for the NHS and excellent communication skills.

**Facts and figures**

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**‘What they say’**

- "The training I’ve received means I now have a varied role. Every day of the week I do something different!"  
  
  - Kate Bascombe  
  
  (Physician associate)