

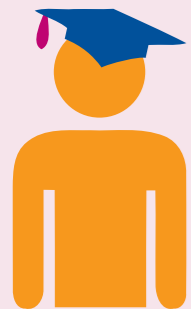
A CAREER IN PSYCHIATRY



Doctors in specialty training earn between **£39,060** and **£72,840**.^[1]

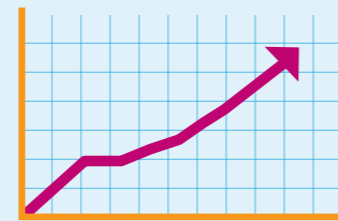


There are **six** specialties within psychiatry.^[2]

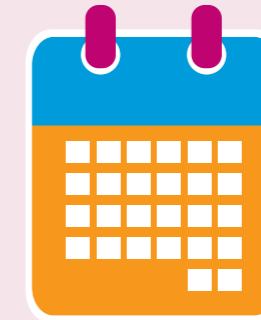


Entry requirements

For 5-year medical school courses, you will need very high A-level grades including sciences. There are other routes in if you have nonscience subjects or a degree, but for all you must demonstrate an interest in medicine. You'll also need to pass an interview and usually take an admissions test.^[3]



Old age psychiatry has shown the largest growth of all the psychiatry specialties.^[4]



Training

Following a minimum of five years at university and two years training afterwards, you will typically train for six years to become a psychiatrist.^[5]



Psychiatry is the **fifth** largest medical specialty in the UK.^[5]



In 2018, there were **754 applicants** for 510 posts in core psychiatry training.^[6]



Skills and qualities needed

Psychiatrists need to show empathy and compassion, the ability to treat others with understanding and respect, excellent listening skills, emotional resilience, patience and a sense of humour.^[7]

'What they say'

"We don't focus solely on disease – psychiatry is a holistic specialty, which also makes it enjoyable"^[8]

Dr Brad Hillier,
(Locum consultant forensic psychiatrist)



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There are currently 188 consultant psychiatry vacancies in the NHS.^[9]

Facts and figures taken from; [1] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/about/careers-medicine/pay-doctors [2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/Explore-roles/psychiatry> [3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/doctors/applying-medical-school/medical-school-courses> [4] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychiatry/old-age-psychiatry [5] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychiatry/general-adult-psychiatry/training-and-development [6] <https://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/Portals/1/Content/Resource%20Bank/Competition%20Ratio%27s/Competition%20Ratios%202018.pdf> [7] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychiatry/old-age-psychiatry/entry-requirements-skills-and-interests> [8] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/BradHillier [9] www.jobs.nhs.uk (31/05/19)