

A CAREER IN PSYCHIATRY



Doctors in specialty training earn between **£37,923** and **£70,718** [1]



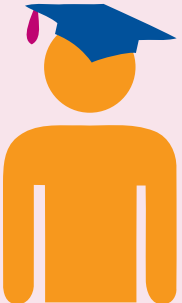
There are **six** specialties within psychiatry [4]



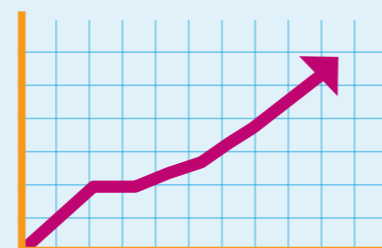
Training

Following a minimum of five years at university and two years training afterwards, you will typically train for six years to become a psychiatrist [3]

Entry requirements



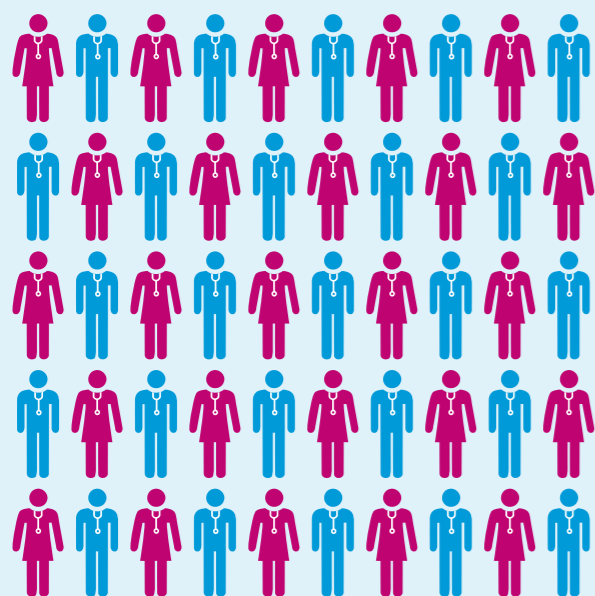
For 5-year medical school courses, you will need very high A-level grades including sciences. There are other routes in if you have non-science subjects or a degree, but for all you must demonstrate an interest in medicine. You'll also need to pass an interview and usually take an admissions test. [2]



Old age psychiatry has shown the largest growth of all the psychiatry specialties [5]



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



In 2016/17, Health Education England planned to train **1,463** doctors in core psychiatry over a three year programme [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]



146

There are currently 146 consultant psychiatry vacancies in the NHS [8]

'What they say'

"We don't focus solely on disease – psychiatry is a holistic specialty, which also makes it enjoyable."
Dr Brad Hillier, Locum consultant forensic psychiatrist [9]

Facts and figures taken from; [1] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/about/careers-medicine/pay-doctors [2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/doctors/applying-medical-school/medical-school-courses> [3] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychiatry/general-adult-psychiatry/training-and-development [4] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/Explore-roles/psychiatry> [5] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychiatry/old-age-psychiatry [6] www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/HEE%20commissioning%20and%20investment%20plan.pdf [7] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychiatry/old-age-psychiatry/entry-requirements-skills-and-interests> [9] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/BradHillier