

PTP Edit transcript

Maja Lesniewska

I think healthcare science is a great career option because of how diverse and very dynamic the field is. It offers you many different disciplines to go into and the constant research means you're improving what you're doing for the patient all the time.

Sophie-Marie Boylin

You can go into different areas of the hospital and you get more option, you get to meet more people as well, so you get their insight and they teach you their experience as well as gaining your own from situations you're put into.

Amarinder Ruprai

A big benefit of studying towards a degree in healthcare science is you get to work in both outpatients and inpatients, so you get to be in surgery, you get to see all the procedures done in surgery, so angiography, you get to see a chest being opened, you get to see the heart, you get to see all the screens, and in both you get the outpatients, so you get to do normal ECG's and all pacemaking, and it's really good.

Maja Lesniewska

At placement I realised how much of what I learned is really being used, because every day I was learning new things, making me more and more confident in all of the skills I already had and developing new skills, and the patient contact is what I really enjoy the most.

Sophie-Marie Boylin

Because of the nature of the course you get a lot more option, at the end of it you can go into so many different areas of the hospital. You start off on a certain band and you can work your way up the band to get more financially stable. Clinical engineering in healthcare science stood out because it was different and not many places did it as such, it was very new and exciting but there's other places you can go into.

Amarinder Ruprai

When I was searching for a course through UCAS there was a huge number of universities that were providing PTP style courses from up North to central London, where most of the uni's do actually do this course and representative hospitals of those uni's do it as well.

Sophie-Marie Boylin

The training does depend on which area you want to go into during your placement, so like here in renal I learnt how to service haemodialysis machines and replace different areas of that, whereas if you wanted to go into medical you'd probably be trained to fix incubators and things like that, and eventually I want to be able to go in help out on the wards a lot more.

Amarinder Ruprai

A degree in healthcare science helps me improve my science skills as you get to see all the procedures in action, and this not only helps your science skills but also helps you people skills. And I find it massively rewarding as well because I don't need to look at textbooks all day to memorise all the science, I can just do it on placement remember it all and apply it in my exams.

Maja Lesniewska

Not only you get all the knowledge you're going to need, also at the placement you really get involved in all the work and the everyday life of a lab and you really feel like you're making a difference to someone's life by even the simplest thing you help with.

Amarinder Ruprai

The training will make a huge difference to many people's lives as they have congenital heart diseases which are straight from birth, and all the tests you do and all the diagnostic changes you do to their pacemakers aids them throughout life and it helps them lead a normal life even though they have an underlying heart problem.

Sophie-Marie Boylin

If you are thinking about if you want to work in a hospital it's not all to do with nurses and doctors, it's like in high school when we were being told about careers, we got told, oh hospitals are a good career aspect, but you think, oh I don't want to be a nurse or a doctor, so this is one of the different areas of a hospital you can work with. So if you're thinking about applying just go for it