



Intro to the Healthcare Professions

Do you enjoy sciences? Are you empathetic, compassionate and caring? Have you thought about a career in Healthcare?

The healthcare team extends beyond doctors and nurses and includes various specialists who deliver healthcare in a variety of settings and for a range of conditions.



Check the entry requirements!
Most healthcare subjects will require sciences at A-Level, to include either Biology or Chemistry.
Remember! If a university is asking for a 'science' subject, Maths is included in this!

If you're thinking about going into a healthcare profession, you won't just need academic qualifications.

Average Day of a Young Doctor

Morning	Afternoon
9:00 – Admit patients to the ward • Diagnose any problems 11:00 – Perform procedures on patients • Take bloods	13:00 – Go for teaching • Learn new clinical skills 15:00 – Have meetings • With patients' families 17:00 – On call • Take any emergencies!

As a practicing healthcare professional, you'll be in highly emotional situations so it is really important for you to have the right attitude. **Good communication skills, excellent people skills** and a **caring attitude** are essential.

Average Day of a Young Dentist

Morning	Afternoon
9:00 – Carry out check ups 11:30 – Take emergencies • Deal with anyone with toothache etc!	13:00 – Go for teaching 15:00 – Carry out procedures • Fillings, cleaning etc! 17:00 – Refer • If anyone needs more care

For example, becoming a doctor is a rewarding but challenging career choice. You will need to be **decisive**, **self-motivated** and **organised** as well as have **integrity**, a **sense of humour** and both **teamwork** and **leadership** skills.

If your interests lie more in the science behind healthcare rather than the application of it, then consider Biomedical Science or Pharmacology, where you would spend more time analysing and researching than interacting with the public.

What next?

- Make sure you're studying the right subjects
 - Work hard on your GCSEs
- Look for work experience opportunities
- Volunteer and take part in the community

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