

Job Title: Doctor



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Entry requirements:	You'll need to complete: • a 5-year degree in medicine, recognised by the General Medical Council • followed by 4 to 7 years of specialist training, depending on your chosen area of medicine If you already have a degree in a science subject (minimum upper second), you could take a 4-year graduate entry programme into medicine. When you apply for a course in medicine, you could be asked to take the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) or BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT). They test the skills you'll need on the course, like critical thinking, problem solving, data analysis, communication and scientific knowledge. Medical schools will also expect you to have some relevant paid or voluntary work experience. The British Medical Association has information on finding a placement. Entry requirements You'll usually need: • at least 5 GCSEs grades 9 to 7, including English maths and sciences • 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology and chemistry (and one from maths or physics normally)
Skills required:	You'll need: • knowledge of medicine • science skills • counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach • sensitivity and understanding • the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure • the ability to use your judgement and make decisions • thinking and reasoning skills • patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations • to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently
What you'll do:	You'll examine, diagnose and treat patients. You'll specialise in a particular area like: • surgery - care for patients before, during and after an operation • medicine - treat general medical conditions and work in specialisms like cardiology, dermatology, ophthalmology, geriatrics and neurology • paediatrics - manage health conditions that affect babies, children and young people • pathology - investigate the cause of disease and the effect on patients • psychiatry - work with patients experiencing mental health problems like depression, anxiety, personality disorders and addiction • anaesthesia - give anaesthetics for surgery and medical procedures • obstetrics and gynaecology - care for pregnant women and their unborn children • oncology - treat patients with cancer Many of you have expressed an interest in some of these specialisms – they will be the focus of future careers of the week Depending on your role you might also: • lead a team of medical staff • manage a department • teach and supervise trainee doctors • write reports and keep GPs informed about the diagnosis and care of their patients

What you'll earn:	• Starter: £28,243 • Experienced Consultant: £110,683 <i>These figures are a guide.</i>
Working hours, patterns and environment:	Typically 42 – 48 hours a week (including evenings, nights, weekends and bank holidays on a rota)
Career path and progression:	With experience, you may go on to lead a team or manage a department. With experience and entry on the General Medical Council (GMC) Specialist Register, you could apply for senior or consultant roles. You may also progress to teaching and training students, trainee doctors and other healthcare professionals.