HEALTHCARE

Overview

The health sector, including private health care and the NHS, is continually developing in response to medical advances. This doesn't necessarily mean the number of job opportunities increases, but it does imply that new roles are often introduced. There are a large number of skilled clinical roles that do not involve direct patient contact, but these play an important part in diagnosis, clinical testing and patient support. Biomedical scientists, microbiologists and associated laboratory staff are examples of these professionals. Training is often conducted in-house for these positions, whereas for the majority of patient care positions a pre-entry qualification is generally required. When applying for entry-level positions it is important to demonstrate that you recognise and would adhere to the values of each health trust. Similarly, it is important to demonstrate your commitment to helping others by getting work experience in a care environment, as well as conveying your interest in health science issues beyond the curriculum. You will find below some of the essential links which will help you get started on your career in the Health sector.

Step Inside the NHS (stepintothenhs.nhs.uk) is an excellent starting point for learning about the range of careers directly or indirectly associated with hospitals.

Key Resources

prospects.ac.uk – Healthcare sector (provides insights into specific roles plus job vacancies)
healthcareers.nhs.uk (information on health and hospital careers)
ramsayhealth.co.uk/careers (private healthcare organisation)
Serco Healthcare (serco.com) (private healthcare organisation)
Spire Dunedin (spirehealthcare.com) (local private healthcare organisation)
Graduate Entry Medicine (medschools.ac.uk) (Medical Schools Council list of courses for 2020 entry)
Physician Associate (healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles) (professional who supports doctors with diagnosis and management of patients in a variety of health settings)
General Dental Council (gdc-uk.org) (dentistry programmes and qualifications)
NHS – Paramedics (healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles)
Health and Care Professions Council (hcpc-uk.org) (Healthcare regulatory council. 16 health professions are listed here and students studying on professional course can register in order to practice)
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (rcvs.org.uk) (training for veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses)
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (rcslt.org) (professional body for anyone working in speech and language therapy. Training for speech and language therapists)
Nursing and Midwifery Council (nmc.org.uk) (training to become a nurse, midwife or nursing associate)

You may also be interest in…

- Armed forces and emergency services
- Pharmacy and the pharmaceutical industry
- Social and community

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