

# Job of The Week

## Doctor

### Key Skills

- 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

### Salary

£40,000 - £145,000

### Working hours

42 – 48 a week

Evenings / weekends / bank holiday  
on a rota

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## Restrictions and Requirements

When you apply for a course in medicine, you will need to take the **University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)**.

It tests the skills you'll need on the course, like critical thinking, problem solving, data analysis, communication and scientific knowledge.

You will also need to **pass enhanced background checks**

## Qualification Check

To apply for Medicine at university you will need **strong qualifications**. Consider your choices for Post – 16 appropriately.

At GCSE: You will need to have a **minimum of a Grade 7 in Maths, English and in Science** (specifically in **Biology or Chemistry**).

At A-Level: You will require a minimum of 3 A-levels with A\*AA grades in specific subjects. **Preferred A-levels for Medicine courses:**

- **Chemistry**
- **Biology**
- **Maths**
- **Physics**

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## University

To become a hospital doctor, you'll need to complete:

- A degree in medicine recognised by the General Medical Council which takes 5 years
- A foundation course of general training which takes 2 years
- Specialist training which can take between 5 to 8 years depending on the speciality

A medical degree normally takes 5 years to complete. Some courses have the option to include an extra year if you want to study a subject further. This is called an intercalated year.

You might be able to study a foundation year before starting a medical degree. This will depend on your circumstances or if you have not studied enough sciences. Check with the admissions department where you want to study.

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### Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- At least **5 GCSEs grades 9 to 7 (A\* or A)**, including English Maths and Sciences
- 3 A levels, or equivalent, **including Biology and Chemistry**

## Work experience

Medical schools will also expect you to have some relevant paid or voluntary work experience. [The British Medical Association](#) provides information on how to find a placement.

Check SatchelOne as the Careers Team regularly share work experience opportunities for aspiring Medics (Doctors)

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## Work experience continued...

There are many different opportunities to gain work experience, which will strengthen your application to study Medicine. Please use the resources on this slide for more information. (click the photos)



## Healthcare & Medicine

The health and medicine sector is critical to global well-being, focusing on diagnosing, treating, and preventing diseases through advanced medical research and patient care. Professionals in this field, including doctors, nurses, and researchers, collaborate to enhance health outcomes and extend life expectancies. This sector is essential for public health, continually adapting to challenges like epidemics and aging populations while integrating new technologies and therapies.

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# Virtual work experience

## Career path and progression

With experience you could:

- Apply to senior or consultant roles once you're on the [General Medical Council Specialist Register](#)
- Lead a team, manage a department or work in a private practice
- Work in the [Army](#), [Royal Air Force](#) or [Royal Navy](#) as a doctor or medical officer
- Train medical students or other healthcare professionals
- Move into clinical research



## Day to Day tasks:

- Talk to, examine and treat patients in hospital wards or outpatient clinics
- Carry out medical procedures
- Write reports and keep confidential records
- Supervise and train junior medical staff
- Work with the wider medical team and update GPs about their patients

## Working conditions

You could work in an NHS or private hospital.

Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding.

You may need to wear a uniform.

# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

| Generalist medical practitioners  |                              | Specialist medical practitioners   |                              | Medical radiographers   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Weekly Pay<br><b>£1,160</b>   | Annual Pay<br><b>£60,320</b> | Weekly Pay<br><b>£1,310</b>  | Annual Pay<br><b>£68,120</b> | Weekly Pay<br><b>£810</b>   | Annual Pay<br><b>£42,120</b> |
| Hours/Week<br><b>42h</b>  | Hourly Pay<br><b>£28</b>     | Hours/Week<br><b>42h</b>   | Hourly Pay<br><b>£31</b>     | Hours/Week<br><b>40h</b>  | Hourly Pay<br><b>£20</b>     |
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| You might find this job in<br>Health<br>Public admin. & defence<br>Education<br>Services to buildings<br>Membership organisations |                              | You might find this job in<br>Health<br>Social work<br>Real estate<br>Residential care<br>Membership organisations |                              | You might find this job in<br>Health<br>Public admin. & defence<br>Wholesale trade<br>Food & beverage services<br>Services to buildings |                              |
| <a href="#">More info</a>   | <a href="#">Clear card</a>   | <a href="#">More info</a>  | <a href="#">Clear card</a>   | <a href="#">More info</a>   | <a href="#">Clear card</a>   |

# Labour Market Information

## Generalist medical practitioners

Generalist medical practitioners diagnose mental and physical injuries, disorders and diseases, prescribe and give treatment, recommend preventative action, and conduct medical education and research activities. They work in hospitals or in general practice and, where necessary, refer the patient to a specialist.

### Common tasks in this job:

- examines patient, arranges for any necessary x-rays or other tests and interprets results
- diagnoses condition and prescribes and/or administers appropriate treatment
- administers medical tests and inoculations against communicable diseases
- supervises patient's progress and advises on diet, exercise and other preventative action

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## Specialist medical practitioners

Specialist medical practitioners specialise in particular areas of modern medicine, diagnose mental and physical injuries, disorders and diseases within their specialism, prescribe and give treatment, recommend preventative action, and conduct medical education and research activities

### Common tasks in this job:

- examines patient, arranges for any necessary x-rays or other tests and interprets results
- diagnoses condition and prescribes and/or administers appropriate treatment/surgery
- administers medical tests and inoculations against communicable diseases
- supervises patient's progress and advises on diet, exercise and other preventative action

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## Medical radiographers

Medical (diagnostic) radiographers operate x-ray machines, ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging and other imaging devices for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, assist in the diagnosis of injuries and diseases and are involved in intervention procedures such as the removal of kidney stones. They operate under the supervision of senior staff. Therapeutic radiographers specialise in the planning and administration of radiotherapy treatment for patients with cancer.

### Common tasks in this job:

- uses a range of imaging devices for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes
- assesses patients and interprets clinical requirements to determine appropriate radiographic treatments
- verifies identity of patient and ensures that necessary preparations have been made for the examination/treatment
- decides length and intensity of exposure or strength of dosage of isotope

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## Useful Websites

[Doctors | Health Careers](#)

[Get Into Medicine | Trusted UCA & Interview Prep](#)

[Get into Medicine Conference - Medic Mentor](#)

[Medicine Clearing Guide 2026 | UCAS | 2026 | TheUKCATPeople](#)

[Step into the NHS | help young people discover NHS careers](#)

Use these links to learn more about our Job of The Week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry...

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

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