



South Lincolnshire

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Careers Education

JOB

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Our Job of the week this week is a...
Drama Therapist



Job of the Week – Drama Therapist

WHAT YOU DO

- help clients use their imagination and creativity to increase their confidence and self-esteem
- use voice, movement, storytelling, mime, puppetry and masks
- encourage clients to form one-to-one relationships and also work as part of a group
- support clients to express what they feel and think about the world around them
- enable clients to act out situations in a safe environment
- work closely with other professionals like psychologists, social workers, teachers and other therapy specialists

SKILLS REQUIRED

- counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach
- knowledge of psychology
- knowledge of the fine arts
- sensitivity and understanding
- the ability to work well with others
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be flexible and open to change
- customer service skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

WHAT YOU WEAR

Smart Casual



WORKING CONDITIONS

You could work for the NHS, private hospitals, the prison service, schools, and care homes

WORKING HOURS

37-39
Evenings, weekends,
bank holidays

ANNUAL LEAVE

28 Days

ANNUAL INCOME

Starter £31,000
Experienced £44,500



EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

University

You will need to complete a postgraduate qualification in drama therapy, accredited by the [British Association of Drama therapists](#).

To apply, you will need a first degree in a subject such as:

- Drama, creative therapies, psychology
- You may also be able to apply if you've got a degree in a related subject, like occupational therapy, nursing or social work.

Apprenticeship

You may be able to do an arts therapist degree apprenticeship. You'll usually need a qualification and experience in art, drama or music to apply.

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'.

Therapy professionals n.e.c.	
Weekly Pay £440	Annual Pay £22,880
Hours/Week 24h	Hourly Pay £18
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 10.4%	Replacement 54.5%
The workforce is projected to grow by 10.4% over the period to 2027, creating 5,000 jobs. In the same period, 54.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 26,200 job openings.	
You might find this job in Social work Residential care Health Education Food & beverage services	

Counsellors	
Weekly Pay £570	Annual Pay £29,640
Hours/Week 31h	Hourly Pay £18
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 10.7%	Replacement 51.1%
The workforce is projected to grow by 10.7% over the period to 2027, creating 3,800 jobs. In the same period, 51.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 18,300 job openings.	
You might find this job in Social work Health Residential care Education Auxiliary services	

Health associate professionals n.e.c.	
Weekly Pay £480	Annual Pay £24,960
Hours/Week 36h	Hourly Pay £13
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 10.7%	Replacement 51.1%
The workforce is projected to grow by 10.7% over the period to 2027, creating 6,700 jobs. In the same period, 51.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 31,900 job openings.	
You might find this job in Health Residential care Other personal service Social work	

Therapy professionals n.e.c.

Job holders in this unit group plan and apply physical and therapeutic treatments and activities to assist recovery from physical and mental illness and to minimise the effects of disabilities not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 222: Therapy professionals.

Common tasks in this job:

- prescribes diet therapy and gives advice to patients, health care professionals and the public on dietetic and nutritional matters for those with special dietary requirements or to prevent illness amongst the general population;
- diagnoses and treats disorders of vision and eye movements, monitors subsequent progress and recommends further optical, pharmacological or surgical treatment as required;
- manipulates and massages patient to discover the cause of pain, relieve discomfort, restore function and mobility and to correct irregularities in body structure;
- adopts a holistic approach in assessing the overall health of the patient, and treats by inserting needles under the skin at particular locations according to the disorder being treated;

Counsellors

Jobholders in this unit group provide counselling services to clients with a wide variety of problems by means of assisting them to reach their own resolutions to the difficulties they face. Counsellors may specialise in a particular area or client group or address a wide range of issues.

Common tasks in this job:

- meets clients face-to-face, working either one-to-one or with couples or families, or by telephone or internet;
- encourages clients to discuss their feelings in relation to their problems, aiming to ensure that an understanding of the issues is achieved;
- presents different perspectives to the problem areas identified;
- refers to other appropriate sources of help;

Health associate professionals n.e.c.

Job holders in this unit group carry out a variety of technical and complementary support functions not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 321: Health Associate Professionals.

Common tasks in this job:

- prescribes diet therapy and gives advice to patients, health care professionals and the public on dietetic and nutritional matters for those with special dietary requirements or to prevent illness;
- diagnoses and treats disorders of vision and eye movements, monitors subsequent progress and recommends further optical, pharmacological or surgical treatment as required;
- manipulates and massages patient to discover the cause of pain, relieve discomfort, restore function and mobility and to correct irregularities in body structure;
- inserts needles under the skin, administers aromatic herbs and oils and massages body to relieve pain and restore health;

To compare the Labour Market Information of different job roles that you might be interested in please visit the Careers section on the school website.

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Click on the website links to research the job role further:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/dramatherapist>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/dramatherapist>

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/dramatherapist>

<https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/careers/dramatherapist>

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/job-descriptions/279317-dramatherapist-job-description>

<https://www.careeraddict.com/become-a-dramatherapist>