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 increase but it does imply that new roles are being introduced. There are a large number of clinical skilled roles that do not involve direct patient contact but these play an important part in diagnosing symptoms and reporting on clinical testing. Biomedical Scientists and Microbiologists plus laboratory staff are examples of these professionals. More often than not, for these positions, training is conducted in-house whereas for the majority of patient care positions, a pre-entry qualification is increasingly required. When applying for entry level positions, it is important that you demonstrate 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 involved in supporting disadvantaged people as well as conveying your interest in health science issues beyond the curriculum. Please see below some of the essential links that will enable you to get started:

Step inside the NHS is an excellent starting point for learning about the range of careers directly or indirectly associated with hospitals:

- [Step Inside the NHS](#)
- Profiles on the [Prospects website](#) provide insights into specific roles
- [NHS Careers](#) provides information on health and hospitals.

### Key Resources

- **Ramsay Healthcare**
  Private healthcare organisation
- **Serco Health**
  Private healthcare organisation
- **Spire Dunedin**
  Private healthcare organisation
- **Postgraduate Entry - Medicine**
  Medical Schools Council list of courses 2016 entry
- **Physician Associate**
  Support doctors with diagnosis and management of patients in a variety of health settings
- **General Dental Council**
  An overview of accredited dental courses
- **NHS - Paramedics**

Access this page and more industries at [reading.ac.uk/careers/resources](reading.ac.uk/careers/resources)
HCPC
A health regulatory council. 16 Health Professions listed here and Students studying on professional courses can register in order to practice

RCVS
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

HCPC Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

The Nursing and Midwifery Council

You may also be interested in...

- Armed Forces and Emergency Services
- Biology and Biotechnology
- Pharmacy and the Pharmaceutical Industry
- Social and Community