



Job of The Week

Doctor (GP)

Key Skills

- knowledge of medicine
- science skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently
- counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- excellent verbal communication skills
- knowledge of psychology

Salary
£70,000- £114,000

Working hours
45 – 50 a week
evenings / weekends /
bank holidays
on a rota

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Medical Schools generally require applicants to have three A-Levels, with high grades.

It's a good idea to take A-Levels in:

- Chemistry
- Biology
- Maths
- Physics

Apprenticeship

From September 2024, you might be able to do a doctor degree apprenticeship which will take around 5 years to complete.

The apprenticeship is recognised by the General Medical Council.

You could then progress to the foundation course of general training before completing the specialist training in general practice.

University

To become a GP you'll need to complete:

- a degree recognised by the General Medical Council which takes 5 years
- a foundation course of general training which takes 2 years
- general practice specialist training which takes 3 years

If you already have a degree in a science subject, you could do a postgraduate degree in medicine which takes 4 years.

If you do not have any science qualifications, you might be able to do a degree in medicine which takes 6 years and includes a pre-medical year.

Entry tests

When you apply for a course in medicine, you might have to take the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) or BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT).

You'll be tested on skills like critical thinking, problem solving, data analysis, communication and scientific knowledge.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need at least 5 GCSEs grades 9 to 7, including English Maths and sciences and 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology and chemistry

Career path and progression

Look at progression in this role and similar opportunities. With experience you could:

- run a shared practice or specialise in an area like sports medicine, diabetes or children's health
- move into medical work in hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, the police or the prison service
- work overseas or in medicine for the Army, Royal Air Force or Royal Navy
- teach students training to be GPs or go into clinical research
- become a member of a local medical committee or clinical commissioning group to get involved in local health issues

Day to Day tasks:

- diagnose patients' symptoms and refer to specialist consultants if needed
- prescribe medicines, recommend treatments and carry out minor surgery
- do research and help to train other healthcare professionals
- organise and lead clinics for specific groups of patients or medical conditions

Working conditions

You could work at a GP practice, at a health centre or at a client's home.

Your working environment may be emotionally demanding.



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'.

Medical practitioners	
Weekly Pay £1,440	Annual Pay £74,880
Hours/Week 34h	Hourly Pay £42
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 6.9%	Replacement 52.8%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 21,300 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 162,500 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Public admin. & defence Membership organisations Retail trade Education 	
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Nurses	
Weekly Pay £780	Annual Pay £40,560
Hours/Week 36h	Hourly Pay £22
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 6.9%	Replacement 52.8%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 53,400 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 407,500 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Residential care Social work Public admin. & defence Education 	
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Medical radiographers	
Weekly Pay £850	Annual Pay £44,200
Hours/Week 37h	Hourly Pay £23
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 6.9%	Replacement 52.8%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 2,200 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 16,700 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Public admin. & defence Residential care 	
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Labour Market Information

Medical practitioners

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 may specialise in particular areas of modern medicine or work 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/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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Nurses

Nurses provide general and/or specialised nursing care for the sick, injured and others in need of such care, assist medical doctors with their tasks and work with other healthcare professionals and within teams of healthcare workers. They advise on and teach nursing practice.

Common tasks in this job:

- assists medical doctors and works with other healthcare professionals to deal with emergencies and pre-planned treatment of patients;
- manages own case load;
- monitors patient's progress, administers drugs and medicines, applies surgical dressings and gives other forms of treatment;
- participates in the preparation for physical and psychological treatment of mentally ill patients;

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

A day in the Life of a GP



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INXGfiO9dTM&pp=vgUZY5BkYXkgaW4gdGhllGxpZmUgYXMGYSBncA%3D%3D>

Why we choose GP



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0UKs43xA6o&pp=vgUGdWsgR1Ag>

A career in General practice



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLbHlnb4j2o&pp=vgUcQSBjYXJZlgaW4gZ2VUzXJhbcBwcmFidGllZQ%3D%3D>

General practitioner



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWtpNEZ4C10&pp=vgUcMblGlmZSBhcyBhliEdQ>

Useful Websites

[Explore | UCAS](#)

[GP | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[How we quality assure medical education and training - GMC \(gmc-uk.org\)](#)

[Getting medical work experience \(bma.org.uk\)](#)

[General practitioner | Health Careers](#)

[Sixth Form Prospectus – Bourne Academy](#)

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