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For more information, go to

www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/a-to-z/

Step into the NHS website

www.stepintothennhs.nhs.uk/

The University of Sheffield offers postgraduate courses in healthcare, as well as professional development courses and courses for people in employment. For example, the Advanced Certificate in Language and Communication Impairments in Children is designed for people working in support roles for children with special needs.

For more information go to

www.shef.ac.uk/hsccpd

For information about financial support, visit the NHS Student Bursaries website.

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

The NHS currently provides financial support to students on approved pre-registration courses in nursing, midwifery, most of the allied health professions, dental hygiene, dental nursing, medicine, dentistry and some audiology courses (where these still exist). The type of support varies, depending on the career and the course.

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Whatever your interests there is a career in health care for you.

At the University of Sheffield students can enter the health care sector through a range of innovative and high quality courses. We can support you in developing the knowledge, skills and attributes necessary to prepare you to be an excellent practitioner. All departments in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health maintain strong links with colleagues in the NHS, creating valuable learning opportunities for our students. We also have a number of courses across the whole university, including the Faculty of Science, that could take you into health care in a way you may never have considered.

Open up to find out more and see what our students say
**Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Dental Therapist**

Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Therapists work with patients and the general public on a daily basis. Dentists work to prevent and treat dental and oral disease, correct dental irregularities (particularly in children) and treat dental and facial injuries. Dental Hygienists and Therapists have a role in preventative treatments and carry out procedures such as scaling and polishing teeth. All these roles require high levels of manual dexterity.

There are two main courses in Dentistry at the University of Sheffield – Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) and Diploma in Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy (DHD). In many cases, students on both courses share teaching and practical sessions. This teamwork continues into the workplace.

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  - Diploma Student
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  - Undergraduate
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- **Other careers in health care?**

  The University of Sheffield offers a BMedSci (Honours) in Health and Human Sciences (BH11).

  The BMedSci is a three-year, full-time, interdisciplinary course. In the third year, students have the opportunity to undertake placement in the NHS or another organisation. By the time they graduate, they understand what it’s like to work in a health services environment.

  The course has something to offer for students interested in health care practice, management or research. They learn about influences on health and disease and about modern health care – how it’s organised, implemented and evaluated; the challenges faced by professionals and the values that underpin what they do.

  For students interested in going into nursing, midwifery or professions such as occupational therapy, physiotherapy or speech therapy, the course is a good introduction to the health care sector.

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- **Science in health care?**

  There are a range of science courses at the University of Sheffield that could lead to a career in health care.

  **BSc (Honours) in Biomedical Sciences (BH00)**
  Some Biomedical Scientists work in hospitals, carrying out a range of laboratory-based work to assist doctors in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. The work is highly varied and involves both practical and analytical skills. Without the expertise of biomedical scientists, hospital departments such as accident & emergency and operating theatres would not function. Biomedical Scientists must become registered with the Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC) to work in the NHS.

  **BSc (Honours) in Physics with Medical Physics (JP56)**
  Medical Physicists may work in nuclear medicine, radiology, radiography and various aspects of physiological monitoring and investigation. Others contribute to specialist research in anaesthesiology or radiology.

  Other science based courses at the University of Sheffield that could lead to a career in health care include Biochemistry, Bioengineering, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Microbiology and Molecular Biology. Please refer to the back page for further information about other options.

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- **Orthopaedic Therapist**

  Working with patients of all ages, Orthopaedic Therapists investigate, diagnose and treat vision defects and abnormalities of eye movement.

  At the University of Sheffield we offer a three-year BMedSci (Honours). Orthopaedics degree (B507).

  To go on placement weeks and be able to see real patients is a great experience.

  **Becky**
  - Undergraduate Orthopaedics

- **Speech and Language Therapist**

  A Speech and Language Therapist assesses and treats speech, language and communication problems. They may also work with people who have difficulties with eating and swallowing.

  At the University of Sheffield, the BMedSci Speech Science course (B506) provides the pathway to a speech therapy career. The BSc (Honours) in Speech and Language Science (Q110) opens up many related possibilities, for example, teaching, HR, audiology and social care.

  - **Francis**
    - Undergraduate
    - Speech and Language Science

- **Other health care professionals?**

  There are a range of health care roles within the NHS. Many health care professionals are regulated on a professional level. They may be registered with the relevant regulatory body. Many others have a voluntary requirement to be registered, but it is usually in the interests of the individual to do so.

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    - Undergraduate
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