

## EMPLOYABILITY

Healthcare is an ever-growing industry with a wide variety of roles to choose from.

Working in healthcare will give you the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of others and provide care for a range of people, from newborns to adults.

There are many areas and jobs within healthcare that will not only provide job security, but will also leave you with a sense of fulfilment in an industry that is continuously growing and changing.

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We're the most targeted university by the UK's top 100 graduate recruiters

The Graduate Market in 2022, High Fliers Research

# 94%

of students go on to work and/or study within 15 months after the course

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## NHS statistics

17,314 doctors

49,680 nurses and health visitors

3,061 midwives

North West Workforce Jan 2022

## UK numbers

14,000 optometrists

43,000 pharmacists

3,000 audiologists

17,000 speech and language therapists

37,000 psychologists

Sources: AOP, PSNC, ASHA, Prospects, Statista

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



### NHS Mental Health Nurse

Hannah is a Mental Health Nursing graduate. She works in the community as a care coordinator for the Early Intervention Team in Salford, working with people from all walks of life to identify their care needs.

### Clinical Technical Support at Cochlear

Lin Wu graduated from the MSc in Audiology at Manchester. Her role at Cochlear involves helping doctors and patients solve clinical problems related to cochlear implants, and carrying out scientific research into cochlear implants and audiology.



### Principal Optometrist for Education and Training at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital

Optometry graduate Patrick has a unique role that allows him to carry out clinical work alongside having responsibility for pre-registration optometrists and organising placements for current students.

### NHS Community Adult Speech and Language Therapist

Speech and Language Therapy graduate Alice's caseload includes dysphagia, voice and communication patients. The diagnoses of patients vary widely and include neurodegenerative conditions, stroke, traumatic brain injury and head and neck cancer.



**Please note:** Information was collected from graduates between 2018 and 2022. Some roles may have changed since details were given.

Read more about our students on our blog: [uom.link/bmh-blog](https://uom.link/bmh-blog)



### Founder and CEO of Stowelink

Public Health graduate Ogweno Stephen's organisation focuses on improving literacy and access to early diagnostic services for non-communicable diseases (NCD). He also consults with the World Health Organization (WHO) under the NCD labs project.

## MORE INFORMATION

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# Careers in Healthcare

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## WHAT KIND OF JOBS COULD YOU GO INTO?

### AUDIOLOGY

Audiologists work with children and adults to identify, assess and rehabilitate hearing and balance function and associated disorders.

As an audiologist you may choose to work in the NHS, neonatal units, postnatal wards, hospitals and clinics, or the independent sector.

#### Explore roles in audiology

- **Clinical Scientists**  
Use their expert theoretical knowledge and practical skills to develop diagnostic protocols, and interpret and report the results of these procedures.
- **Audiologists**  
Can fit cochlear implants to help people with severe to profound deafness. These implants convert sound into electrical signals which are then transmitted directly to the auditory nerve.
- **Newborn screeners**  
Assess and undertake hearing assessments with babies.

You may also choose to focus on a specialist area such as: auditory rehabilitation, bone anchored hearing devices, cochlear implants, paediatrics or tinnitus.



### DENTISTRY

Roles in dentistry include graduating to become a General Dental Practitioner or studying a course that leads to dental therapy or hygienist jobs.

As a dentist you'll typically work in high street dental practices (private or NHS) or in hospitals. You will lead a team of dental nurses, hygienists, therapists and technicians, and treat a range of patients, from children to the elderly.

#### Explore roles in dentistry

##### Specialist dental roles

- **Oral and maxillofacial surgeons**  
Treat many diseases, injuries and defects in the head, neck, face, jaw and mouth.
- **Paediatric dentists**  
Specialise in the oral health of children (infancy to teenagers).
- **Dental therapists**  
Carry out some clinical tasks and support anxious patients.
- **Dental hygienists**  
Show children and adults how to look after their teeth and gums.



### MEDICINE

Doctors apply the principles and procedures of medicine to prevent, diagnose, care for and treat patients with illness, disease and injury. You will have the opportunity to specialise in a range of different areas as you continue to work as a doctor.

#### Explore roles in medicine

There are a wide variety of jobs within medicine and plenty of opportunities to specialise. For example, there are roles as anaesthesiologists, dermatologists, radiologists and many more.



### MIDWIFERY

Midwives help prepare women for birth and give support at all stages of pregnancy and labour, and once a child is born.

Your work will be carried out in multidisciplinary teams in both hospital and, increasingly, community healthcare settings.

#### Explore roles in midwifery

- **Health visitors**  
Undertake further training to work with children and their families to promote healthy lifestyles and illness prevention, and help children have the best start in life. You could also work with the homeless, addicts and the Traveller community.
- **Specialist Midwife**  
As a midwife you can specialise in certain areas like domestic abuse, substance misuse, teenage pregnancy and antenatal/newborn screening.
- **Consultant midwife**  
As a consultant you will support other midwives to practise effectively and provide high-quality care for women and their families.

### NURSING

Nurses work as part of a multidisciplinary team made up of doctors, healthcare assistants, psychologists and social workers, providing direct patient care. Nurses have the opportunity to specialise in areas such as surgery, neo-natal and A&E. As they continue to develop, nurses can work towards roles as a district nurse, health visitor or advanced clinical practitioner.

As a nurse, you could work in NHS hospitals, GP surgeries, day care centres, travel companies, nursing agencies, private healthcare organisations, and charities.

#### Explore roles in nursing

- **Mental health nurses**  
Support and care for people with issues ranging from anxiety and depression to personality and eating disorders.
- **Adult nurses**  
Assess, plan, coordinate and manage care for their patients, while working closely with other healthcare professionals.
- **Children's nurses**  
Play a key role in assessing the nursing needs of the child. They care for sick, injured or disabled young people.

**98%**  
of our nursing graduates find their current work meaningful  
(discoveruni)

### OPTOMETRY

Optometrists examine patients' eyes, give advice on visual problems and prescribe and fit spectacles or contact lenses when needed. They can also recognise eye diseases, such as glaucoma and cataracts, as well as general health conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure.

#### Explore roles in optometry

- **Community optometrists**  
Usually work in the high street carrying out eye tests and advising patients on how to look after their eyes and vision.
- **Hospital optometrists**  
Provide primary care for outpatients, test their vision sharpness and prescribe lenses.
- **Domiciliary optometrists**  
Deliver eye care at patients' homes, care homes and day care centres.

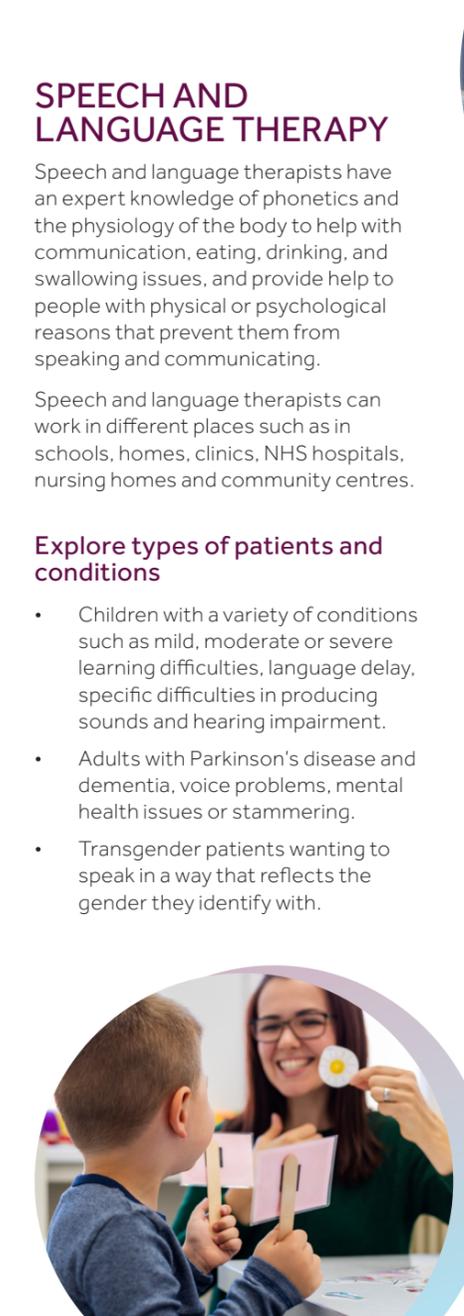


### PHARMACY

Pharmacists make, test and dispense prescription drugs to individuals, ensuring they are clinically appropriate. They also work with other healthcare professionals, such as doctors, nurses and allied health professionals to deliver care in their local community.

#### Explore roles in pharmacy

- **Community pharmacists**  
Assess the condition of the public, make decisions about which medicine they should take and dispense prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines. They will usually work in the high street.
- **Hospital pharmacists**  
Monitor the supply of all medicines used in the hospital. They are in charge of purchasing, manufacturing, dispensing and quality testing the medication stock.
- **Military pharmacist**  
Advise senior commanders on the use and management of medication and give guidance on distributing medical supplies and pharmaceutical care in Defence Medical Services.



### SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

Speech and language therapists have an expert knowledge of phonetics and the physiology of the body to help with communication, eating, drinking, and swallowing issues, and provide help to people with physical or psychological reasons that prevent them from speaking and communicating.

Speech and language therapists can work in different places such as in schools, homes, clinics, NHS hospitals, nursing homes and community centres.

#### Explore types of patients and conditions

- Children with a variety of conditions such as mild, moderate or severe learning difficulties, language delay, specific difficulties in producing sounds and hearing impairment.
- Adults with Parkinson's disease and dementia, voice problems, mental health issues or stammering.
- Transgender patients wanting to speak in a way that reflects the gender they identify with.



### PUBLIC HEALTH

Public health supports individuals, organisations and society to tackle preventable disease, mortality and disability. There are three main areas within public health: prevention (reducing risk of illness), promotion (endorsing healthy living), healthcare (access to good healthcare).

#### Explore roles in public health

- **Consultants**  
Provide advice and support to other public health staff and organisations, including the government, local authorities and directors of public health.
- **Epidemiologists**  
Monitor infectious diseases, bioterrorism threats and other problem areas for public health agencies.
- **Managers**  
Work across the health system to lead and implement programmes of work that have a focus on public health.

A career in public health offers diverse opportunities in a variety of settings, from local public health departments to global NGOs (non-government organisations).

Roles are varied and include jobs such as biostatistician, health educator, health visitor, community development worker, environmental health worker, transport development worker, housing officer, lecturer in public health, communicable disease consultant and health protection officer.

