

Transferable skills

A wide range of skills and experiences are valuable to healthcare and organisations like the NHS. You are bound to have some skills that you could use in a career in health. It could be as simple as identifying what they are.



Caring for people

You may have experience in caring for people, whether it be the elderly or those with a disability or additional needs. Perhaps you have raised a family or you are a carer, with experience of looking after a family member or relative.



People skills

You may have previous experience of working with people, or as part of a team. You may be a people person, who would enjoy helping patients and families to feel comfortable and supported while they spend time in healthcare settings.



Science

Providing direct care for patients requires a general understanding of some areas of science. A more detailed knowledge of biology, chemistry or physics is required for many roles in the NHS, such as: healthcare science staff, doctors, dentists and allied health professionals.



Organisation and management

You may have experience using administrative skills or some leadership experience. People, building, finances, information services and stores and supplies need to be organised or managed. For some of these areas you don't need to be a healthcare professional.



IT

You may already work with computers, enjoy analysing data or find satisfaction in keeping accurate records. These are skills widely valued in all areas of healthcare.



Practical skills and trades

If you are a trained trade professional your skills are in demand. You could use your skills to ensure vital equipment is kept in use and hospitals and community health centres are safe and attractive environments for staff and patients.

Qualifications

Many entry level roles do not require many qualifications and you can work to achieve qualifications through an apprenticeship once employed

Experience

If you don't have relevant experience you could look at volunteering with the NHS, charities or in social care.

What next?

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