



Directory of Work Experience Placements

Placement Title	Description of work Experience	Age	Criteria	Duration
Administration	For students or people considering a change in career and are interested in one of the many interested administrative jobs within the NHS such as, Receptionist, Ward Clerk, CDC, Health Records.	16+		Up to 5 Days
Cardiographers	Cardiographers are healthcare science assistants and healthcare science associates who support cardiologists. They use equipment to monitor the heart. During this placement you would shadow health professionals in the Cardiology Department.	16+		Up to 3 Days
Community Hospitals	Community Hospitals play a vital role in health and social care by looking after patients who no longer need acute health care but are not well enough to go home. During this placement you would spend time shadowing a variety of health professionals who all work as a team for the benefit of the patients.	18+		Up to 5 Days
Dental/Orthodontics	Dental care professionals work alongside the dentist to promote healthy teeth and gums as well as providing orthodontic work. This placement would involve spending time shadowing various dental care professionals in	16+		Up to 3 Days

	the department.			
Dietetics	Dieticians advise people and help them make informed and practical choices about their food and nutrition. They assess, diagnose and treat dietary and nutritional problems.	16+	Due to the nature of the role and the workload we are unable to offer individual placements. However the Dietetic Department offers a one day information day each Spring. Further details of this will be advertised on our website when it becomes available.	1 Day
Estates	For students who are interested in pursuing a career as a tradesperson. Most hospitals today consist of multiple new and old buildings, many within extensive grounds which need on-going programmes of maintenance. For this we depend on an estates team doing many different jobs, such as architects, electricians, gardening, painting and maintaining equipment.	16+		Up to 5 Days
Healthcare Science	Healthcare science staff play a vital role in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a huge number of medical conditions, as well as in rehabilitation. Rapid advances in science and technology mean this is now one of the most Exciting careers. During this placement you may rotate through different areas of health care science spending half a day in each area.	16+		Up to 2 Days
IT	We have a dedicated IT department looking after the many varied IT solutions within the hospital. During this placement you will shadow various	16+		Up to 5 Days

	staff members in the team.			
Management	There are many different ways into a management career in the NHS. Depending on your interests, there are opportunities to join at every level. During this placement you would shadow a manager within the Trust.	16+		Up to 5 Days
Medicine	We offer two different types of work experience for students who are planning to apply to Medical School. We offer a weeks work experience which is two days classroom based with input from various Health Care professionals and 3 days shadowing a clinician. We aim to hold these programmes twice a year during the Spring and Summer terms. Alternatively we offer a placement where you will shadow a Consultant and his team. During this time you may observe patient consultations, ward rounds, and operating lists. These placements are usually up to 3 days.	16+	Please note that due to the high demand students should apply either for the future medics week OR the shadowing experience.	Up to 5 Days
Medical Physics	If you choose to work in Medical Physics you will work closely with other NHS clinical teams, making sure the equipment they use, such as renal dialysis machines, is functioning safely and effectively. During this placement you will spend time shadowing members of staff in various areas of the department.	16+		Up to 5 Days
Mental Health		18+		

Midwifery	It is a good idea to spend some time making sure that midwifery is the right career for you. By applying for a work experience placement it will give you valuable experience and a chance to speak to people who work in the profession. On this placement you will shadow a maternity support worker.	16+	You must be over 16 years of age and have a reference from your school or college to apply for this placement.	2 Days
Nursing	This placement is aimed at students who are considering a career in Nursing. During this placement the student will spend in a clinical environment shadowing health care professionals.	16+		Up to 5 Days
Occupational Therapy	This is a wide-ranging role that links health with social care and the surroundings in which people live. Occupational therapists help people with physical and psychological problems, be more independent, by assessing what they are able to do for themselves and providing appropriate support and encouragement. During these placements you may shadow an occupational therapist either in a ward setting or in an Outpatient Department.	16+		Up to 2 Days
Operating Department Practitioner	The role of the ODP is varied and dynamic; you will be working in collaboration with surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and the wider multi professional healthcare team to ensure the patient's comfort and safety. During this placement you will shadow an ODP in a pre-op setting and recovery.	16+		2 Days
Paediatric Nursing	This placement is aimed at students who are considering a career in Paediatric nursing and are planning to apply for a place at university on the Degree in Nursing (child-health). During this	16+	Students applying for this placement must be over 16 years of age.	Up to 3 Days

	placement the student will spend time with various health care professionals in the Children's Unit.			
Pharmacy	Pharmacy teams working in hospitals advise on the most effective treatments for particular conditions or on manufacturing products or feeding solutions for specific treatments. During this placement you will shadow members of the team in the Pharmacy.	16+		Up to 2-3 Days
Physiotherapy	If you enjoy sport and exercise, physiotherapy will give you a deeper understanding of what's involved in movement and how injuries, pain and problems associated with disease can be managed and treated. During this placement you will spend the day shadowing a Physiotherapist either in a ward setting or in an outpatient clinic.	16+		1 Day
Radiography	Radiography is a large and growing area within modern healthcare offering you a range of career possibilities if you have an interest in science and a caring attitude. There are 2 different branches of Radiography – diagnostic and therapy. Diagnostic radiographers work mainly in hospitals and health centres operating highly sophisticated equipment. Radiation is also used to treat many cancers and this is delivered by a Therapy Radiographer. We are able to offer both diagnostic and therapy work experience placements.	16+		2 Days
Research Department	The advances in medicine have been largely down to huge amounts of research. We have a very busy department that supports staff in all areas of research. During this placement you	16+		Up to 5 Days

	would spend time shadowing various members of the team.			
Security/Portering	Porters and the security support staff and provide essential day-to-day services, often working closely alongside the healthcare team. For example, they assist in laboratories, move patients, staff and equipment around the hospital site and look after security.	16+		Up to 5 Days
Speech and Language Therapy	Speech and language therapists provide life-changing treatment, support and care for children and adults who have difficulties with communication, or with eating, drinking and swallowing. During this placement you would shadow a speech and language therapist.	16+		1 Day
Sterile Services Department	It is the responsibility for the Sterile Service Department to clean and sterilise equipment from operating theatres, clinics, accident and emergency departments and wards. During this placement you would shadow members of staff in the department.	16+		Up to 3 Days
Year 10 Work Experience week	These work experience weeks are designed to give an overview of the many varied career opportunities that the NHS has to offer. It will be classroom based with sessions facilitated by healthcare professionals and also visits to various wards and departments around the hospital. Students will spend a half day in a working environment however due to the number of students attending these week the placements may not always be in clinical areas.	14+	We organise 3 weeks of work experience for Year 10 students during the summer term. However due to the numbers of students wanting work experience with us applications will only be accepted from the schools work experience co-	5 Days

			ordinator for these placements.	
College Work Experience week	We work closely with the colleges in the area to try and support their students who are interested in a career in an acute health care setting. We offer one week per college. These weeks are designed to give an insight into the various careers that are available across the health and social care sector. It will be classroom based with sessions facilitated by healthcare professionals and also visits to various wards and departments around the hospital. Students will spend a day in a clinical environment to experience the real working environment.	16+	Students should be enrolled on a course in one of the local schools or colleges and should be interested in a health-related career. Applications will be via the Course tutor at the college. Dates and further information will be sent to the tutors.	5 Days

Whilst we have tried to cover as many careers as possible if you would like experience in an area that we have not covered then please do not hesitate to e-mail us and we will see if we are able to accommodate you.