

Cardiographer

Cardiographers use equipment to monitor the heart. You could use your interest in science and technology to work with patients.

The heart and blood vessels of the body are known as the cardiovascular system. They are assessed and monitored with in the cardiac department of a hospital. Cardiographers are healthcare science assistants and healthcare science associates who support cardiologists who are doctors specialising in the cardiovascular system.

As a cardiographer, you'd operate electrocardiograph (ECG) machines which monitor the heart. You would fit electrodes to the patient's body, making sure they are correctly connected to the machine. You'd then take readings from the ECG which the doctor uses to make decisions about treatment.



"I have completed my level 2 and I am now working towards level 3 apprenticeship, these are great for helping to develop knowledge and skills that support the improvement of care delivery. I would like to progress to the nursing or nursing associate apprenticeships"

Charlotte - Advanced Clinical Healthcare

Dental Support Worker

Dental support workers are part of the dental health team. They help to treat patients and give advice on looking after teeth.

Dental support workers are clinical support workers who work as part of the dental team. In this role, you'll work under the supervision of a dentist or a dental nurse to treat patients and give advice.

Working as a dental support worker, you'll

- greet patients and reassures people who are nervous make appointments
- give basic advice about dental care
- keep records
- mix the materials for filling teeth
- help with x-rays
- sterilise instruments and equipment
- pass instruments to the dentist
- help patients with mouth rinsing



Phlebotomist

Phlebotomists collect blood samples from patients to help diagnose illness.

As a phlebotomist, you will take blood samples from patients. The samples are examined in a laboratory and the results can be used to diagnose diseases and conditions.

When taking blood, you have to be careful that you:

- don't harm the patient
- don't disturb any nursing care that the patient is receiving
- take the blood correctly so it can be used for testing
- label the samples carefully
- store the blood correctly
- deliver the samples promptly to the lab

Patients may be nervous about having their blood taken, so you have to reassure them and put them at ease



Theatre Support worker

Theatre support workers are part of an operating department team who support the surgical team. An important part of the work of theatre support staff is reassuring patients, who may be anxious about going into the operating theatre.

As a member of the theatre support staff, you may also

- move patients on trolleys
- reassure family members
- prepare patients for anaesthetic
- set out instruments and equipment ready for surgery
- make sure the department has stocks of items needed
- clean and tidy theatre areas after surgery
- dispose of waste



"I found the unit on the process and experience of dementia very interesting"

Tina - Advanced Clinical Healthcare

Healthcare Assistant

Healthcare assistants (HCAs) work in hospital or community settings, such as GP surgeries, under the guidance of a qualified healthcare professional.

As a healthcare assistant (HCA), you'll work under the guidance of a qualified healthcare professional, usually a nurse. Sometimes staff working in HCA roles are known as nursing assistants, nursing auxiliaries or auxiliary nurses

The work varies depending on where you're based. In a hospital for example, you may be

- washing and dressing patients
- serving meals and helping to feed patients
- helping people to move around
- toileting
- making beds
- talking to patients and making them comfortable
- monitoring patients' conditions by taking temperatures, pulse, respirations and weight

Pharmacist

Medicines are the most common treatments offered to NHS and care patients. A pharmacist is an expert in medicines and their use. Their knowledge of medicines and the effect they have on the human body is critical for the successful management of every type of medical condition.

Pharmacists advise other healthcare professionals, including doctors and nurses, on

- how to choose medicines and use them correctly
- ensure that new medicines are safe to use with other medication
- advise on dosage and suggest the most appropriate form of medication such as tablet, injection, ointment or inhaler
- make sure that patients use their medicines safely
- provide information to patients on how get the maximum benefit from the medicines they are prescribed

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Higher/Degree Apprenticeship	Level 7	Masters (MA, MSc, MPhil) Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma	NVQ5
	Level 6	Degree (BA, BSc)	NVQ4
	Level 5	Foundation Degree (FdA, FdSc)	
	Level 4		
Advanced Apprenticeship (2 A-level passes)	Level 3	A & A/S Level International Baccalaureate	NVQ3
Intermediate Apprenticeship (5 GCSE's A*-C)	Level 2	GCSE A*-C or 9-4 Key Skills Level 2	NVQ2
	Level 1	GCSE D-G or 3-1 Key Skills Level 1	NVQ1

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Lincolnshire Talent Academy supports the NHS priorities for developing the workforce which include:

- *Get in... Opportunities for people to start their career in a support role*
- *Get on... Support people to be the best they can be in the job they do*
- *Go further... Provide opportunities for career progression, including into registered professions*

"One of the best bits has been going into more depth around the job role and understanding different clinical elements for example how one problem can change so much in a patient's life and the support that can be provided outside the hospital."



Sonja - Advanced Clinical Healthcare

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