

**I SEE THE
DIFFERENCE**

**Jobs that make
a difference
to people's lives**



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therapists**

**Diagnostic
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What's an allied health professional?

Someone who cares for patients.

Someone with a specific area of healthcare they specialise in.

Not a doctor or a nurse.

What do allied health professionals do?

Make sure adults
and children can live
life to the fullest by
helping them live
with or recover from
health problems.

Why be an allied health professional?

- See and talk to the people you're helping, face-to-face, every day
- Really make a difference and see how you're improving people's lives

Why be an allied health professional?

- Over 90% of graduates have a job in their chosen profession
- Choose from jobs in the NHS and private practices
- Good starting salary – £23,000 a year
- Generally work core daytime hours

- Lots of chances to specialise in areas that interest you
- Salaries in more specialised, consultant or senior management roles range from £23,000 to £82,000

Orthoptics

**They can focus
on their future
thanks to me**



What does an orthoptist do?

- Diagnose and treat problems affecting the eyes – how they develop, how the brain controls them, and how they work together
- Prescribe patches, eye exercises, prisms and glasses
- Screen children's eyes in school to catch problems early

What's it like being an orthoptist?

- Your patients could be babies, children or adults
- You might help people who've had a stroke, or people who have trouble communicating
- You end up being an expert on how eyes grow, how our eyes work together, and how the brain controls the eyes
- You generally work 9 to 5 in a hospital, clinic or school

Podiatry

**I want to help
people get around
without pain**



What does a podiatrist do?

- Take care of people's feet, ankles and lower legs, so they can walk without pain
- Help people with long-term conditions like diabetes and arthritis to stay mobile
- Work with doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals to help patients and reduce the need for an amputation

What's it like being a podiatrist?

- You could treat all sorts of things, like dance and sports injuries
- You may be able to prescribe some medicines
- You work 9 to 5 or maybe part-time
- You can work in hospitals, clinics, even visit people at home

Prosthetics & Orthotics

**Helping people get
their lives back.
That's what moves me**



What does a prosthetist / orthotist do?

- Help people with missing limbs or long-term conditions like cerebral palsy, using custom devices that attach to their bodies
 - **Prosthesis** – an artificial limb
 - **Orthosis** – scaffolding for the body, like a splint or brace
- Measure patients and design unique devices to fit
- Help people use and adapt to their devices

What's it like being a prosthetist/ orthotist?

- You get to design things using digital imaging, CAD and CAM technology
- You might help injured athletes, people born without a limb, people with cerebral palsy or other long-term conditions
- You work with doctors, nurses, and other allied health professionals like physiotherapists
- You might work in a hospital or a private clinic
- You usually work 9 to 5

Therapeutic Radiography

**I'm heading to the
front line of the
fight against cancer**



What does a therapeutic radiographer do?

- Target and destroy cancer cells using highly advanced technology and software
- Look after patients and their families during treatment; patients are at the heart of what therapeutic radiographers do

What's it like being a therapeutic radiographer?

- You get to work with cutting-edge technology
- You learn to be there for people who feel scared or vulnerable
- You work as part of a team with doctors, nurses, engineers, medical physicists and other allied health professionals
- You work core daytime hours, with some extended shift patterns and occasional weekends on call

Becoming an allied health professional

Three years at university

A mix of lectures, studying, and practising by treating real people

Courses can be intense

**My work/life
balance is sorted.
And I genuinely
love what I do**



Where to look next

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