

# Where can studying Health & Social Care take you?



## Maternity Support Worker



Maternity Support Workers assist midwives in caring for women and their babies, through the vital stages of pregnancy, childbirth and the first few days after the birth.

They work in the community, on post-natal wards, in maternity theatres, delivery suites and midwifery led units. Duties include making routine observations (temperature, pulse, blood pressure, breathing etc.), taking blood samples for testing, promoting breastfeeding, reporting problems to a registered midwife or nurse.

There are no minimum entry qualifications, but you need a good general education and employers expect a good standard of numeracy and literature and may ask for GCSEs or equivalent. They may ask for a qualification in health and social care, nursery nursing or childcare, such as BTEC or NVQ. You will be able to extend your role and qualifications while earning a salary. You'll have a caring attitude and an interest in mothers and newborn babies.

## Healthcare Assistant

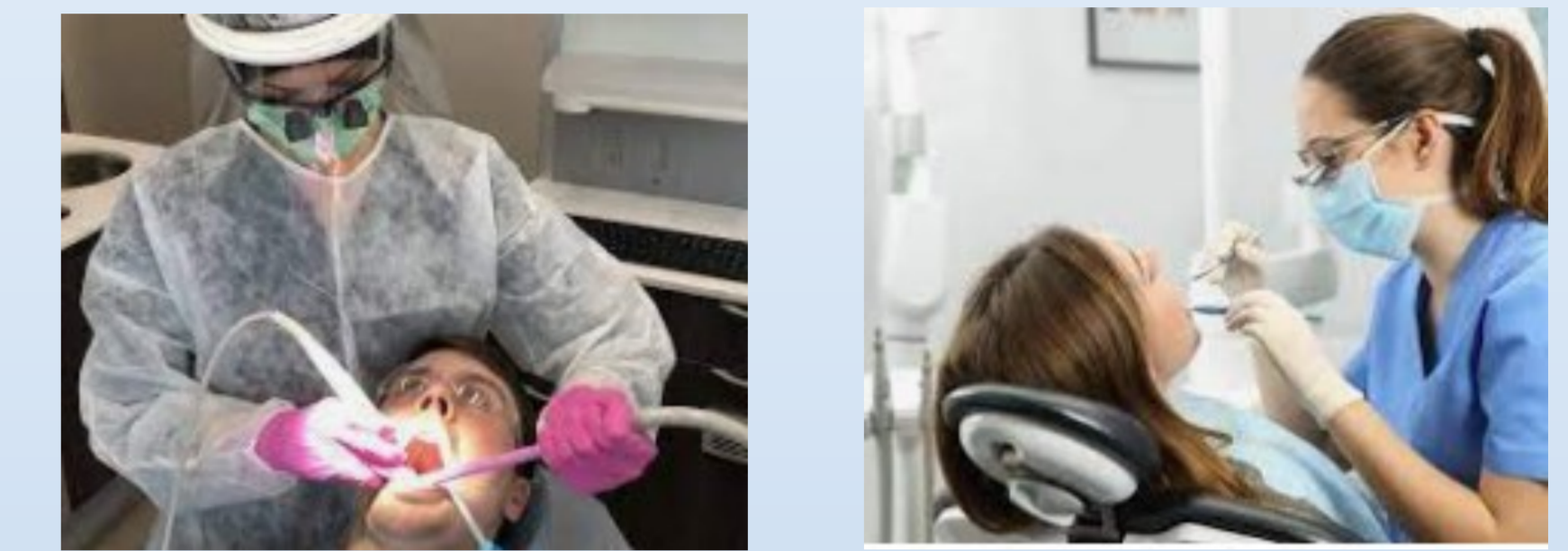


Healthcare Assistants make sure the patient experience is as comfortable and stress-free as possible. It can also be the stepping stone into many other NHS roles. You'll work under the guidance of a healthcare professional such as a nurse and your job will vary depending on where you're based. For example, in a hospital you may wash and dress patients, serve meals and help to feed patients, help people to move around, make beds, monitor patients' conditions by taking temperatures, pulse, respirations and weight.

In a health centre or GP surgery, you may sterilise equipment, do health checks, restock consulting rooms, process lab results, take blood samples, do health promotion or health education work.

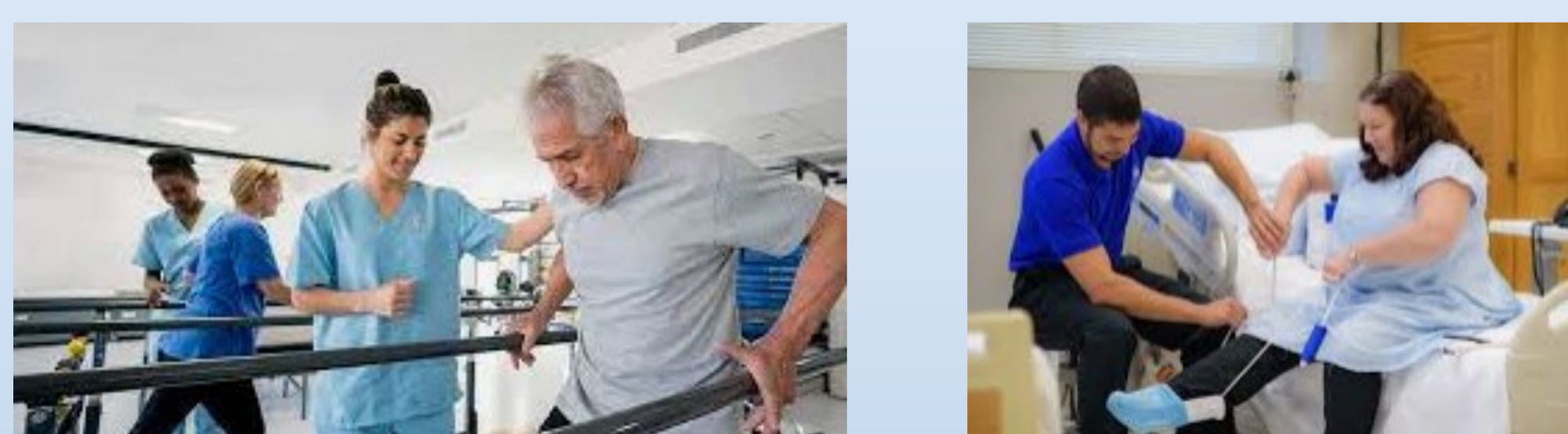
There are no set entry requirements to become a Healthcare Assistant. Employers expect good literacy and numeracy and may ask for GCSEs in English and maths or a healthcare qualification, such as BTEC or NVQ.

## Dental Hygienist



Dental Hygienists are an important part of the dental team, preventing dental problems in adults and children. You'll help children and adults look after their teeth and gums. You'll carry out procedures such as scaling teeth, polishing teeth, applying topical fluoride and fissure sealants. You are likely to work in general dental practices but there are also job opportunities in hospitals and community dental services. It is also possible to set up your own practice or work independently in a dental practice so you can see patients without them seeing the dentist first. In the community, you could work with people with a wide range of special or additional needs. If you are based in a hospital, you will help patients who have had major surgery or complicated orthodontic treatment or have particular medical conditions. You'll need five GCSE subjects graded 4-7, plus two or three A levels or a recognised dental nursing qualification to get on a to a dental hygiene course.

## Occupational Therapy Support Worker



Occupational Therapy Support Workers help people who struggle with day-to-day activities to live a full and independent life. OT Support Workers work with Occupational Therapists to help these carry out tasks. This includes daily care (washing, dressing, eating), work or education and leisure. They help find ways to continue with activities which are important to them, This might involve learning new ways to do things or making changes to their environment to make things easier. For example helping stroke patients, helping dementia sufferers develop strategies, helping children with disabilities take part in school and play activities or helping elderly people stay in their homes by providing adaptations. There are no set entry requirements for IT Support Workers however employers expect good numeracy and literacy and some experience or qualifications in health and social care.

## Operating Department Practitioner



Operating Department Practitioners play a major role in each phase of a person's operation. You'll provide high standards of skilled care and support during each phase of a patient's pre-operative care—anaesthetic, surgery and recovery. You'll work in the surgery team and manage the preparation of the operating theatres. You'll also be the link between the surgical team and other parts of the operating theatre and hospital. You'll need to study for a two year diploma or three year degree in operating department practice at university. You will usually need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4-9 or equivalent plus A level or equivalent qualifications. The other option is to apply for an apprenticeship degree following A levels.

## And many more including.....

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| <b>Newborn Hearing Screener</b> | <b>Osteopath</b>     |
| <b>Health Records Staff</b>     | <b>Dental Nurse</b>  |
| <b>Cardiographer</b>            | <b>Oncologist</b>    |
| <b>District Nurse</b>           | <b>Surgeon</b>       |
| <b>Health Visitor</b>           | <b>Theatre Nurse</b> |
| <b>Midwife</b>                  | <b>Nutritionist</b>  |
| <b>Anaesthesia Associate</b>    | <b>Phlebotomist</b>  |
| <b>Paramedic</b>                | <b>Prison Nurse</b>  |
| <b>Ambulance Care Assistant</b> | <b>Orthoptist</b>    |
| <b>Podiatrist</b>               | <b>Porter</b>        |
| <b>Mental Health Nurse</b>      | <b>Donor Carer</b>   |
| <b>Radiographer</b>             | <b>Social Worker</b> |
| <b>Dietetic Assistant</b>       | <b>School Nurse</b>  |