

Careers in Clinical Science

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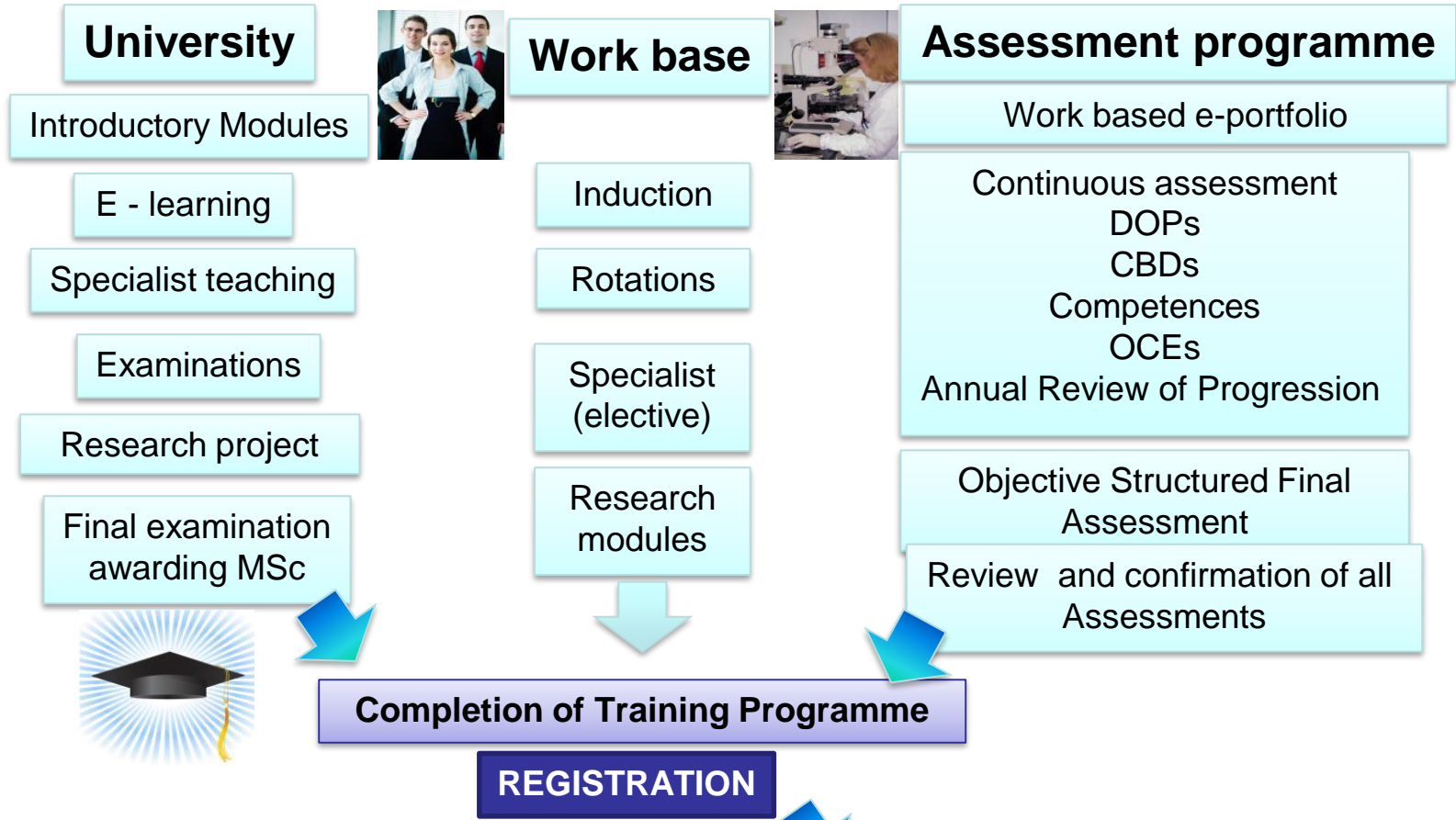
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Who are Healthcare Scientists?

Healthcare Scientists make a difference to peoples' lives...
and so can you

- Only make up 5% of NHS workforce but involved in 80% of all clinical decisions
- Eg blood science, audiology, genomic counselling, bioinformatics
- Are developing some of the most amazing clinical and technological advancements.
- Are involved in improving clinical service and undertaking research

Structure of the Scientist Training Programme



The Scientist Training Programme

- Coordinated by the [National School of Healthcare Science](#) in collaboration with employers, academic providers, professional bodies, commissioners and the Academy for Healthcare Science
- Supports nearly 900 STP trainees in over 500 NHS departments across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, in a breadth of specialisms

STP Specialisms

Life Sciences

- Haematology and transfusion science
- Clinical biochemistry
- Genomics
- Genomic counselling
- Reproductive science
- Cytopathology
- Clinical Immunology
- Histocompatibility & immunogenetics
- Histopathology
- Microbiology

Physiological Sciences

- Audiology
- Cardiac science
- Critical care science
- Gastrointestinal physiology
- Neurophysiology
- Ophthalmic and vision science
- Respiratory & sleep sciences
- Urodynamics science
- Vascular science

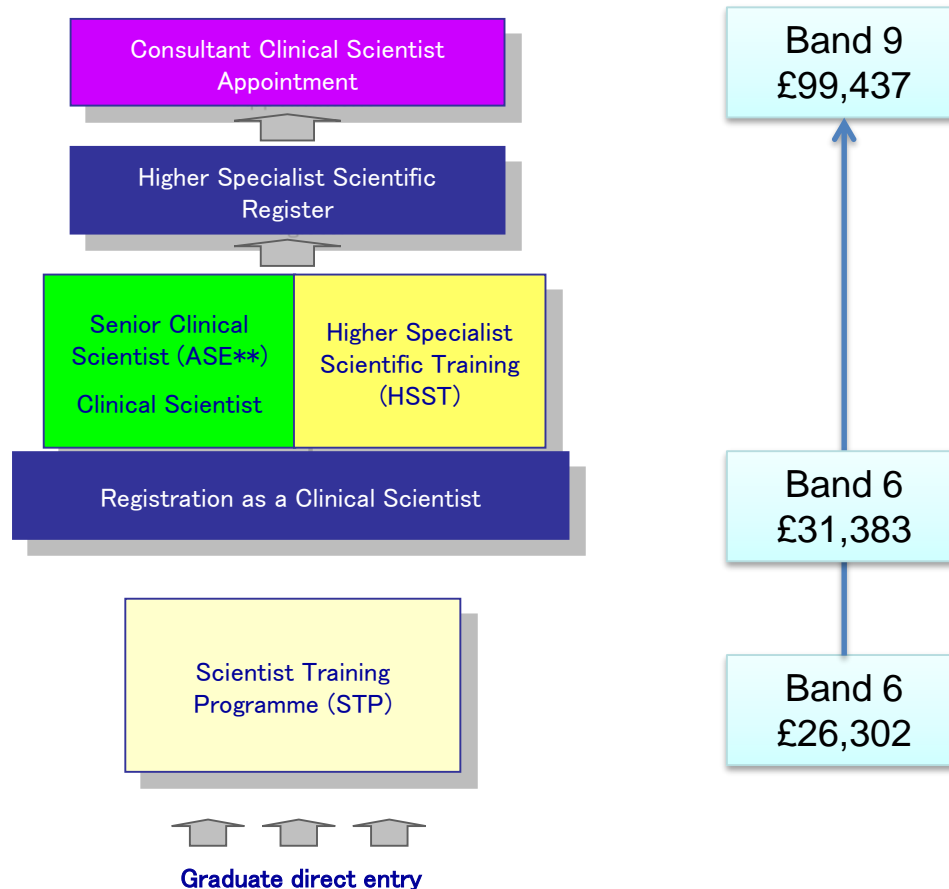
Clinical Bioinformatics

- Clinical Bioinformatics (Genomics)
- Clinical Bioinformatics (Physical Sciences)
- Clinical Bioinformatics (Health Informatics)

Physical Sciences

- Clinical pharmaceutical science
- Imaging (ionising radiation)
- Imaging (non-ionising radiation)
- Clinical measurement and development
- Medical device risk management and governance
- Radiation safety physics
- Radiotherapy physics
- Reconstructive Science
- Rehabilitation engineering

Careers in Healthcare Science Pathway



What is MAHSE?

- Cross-University body
- Encourages innovation and sharing of good practice
- Support and develop PTP/STP/HSST delivered in Manchester
- 8 STP themes being delivered



MAHSE MSc Clinical Science

Physiological Sciences

Neurosensory

- Audiology
- Neurophysiology
- Ophthalmic and Vision Science

CCVRS

- Cardiac Science
- Critical Care
- Vascular Science
- Respiratory and Sleep

Gastrointestinal
Physiology and
Urodynamic Science

Physical Sciences

Medical Physics

- Radiotherapy Physics
- Radiation Safety
- Imaging (non-ionizing)
- Imaging (ionizing)

Clinical Pharmaceutical
Science

Clinical Engineering

- Rehabilitation Engineering
- Clinical Measurement and development
- Device Risk Management and governance

Reconstructive Science

Life Sciences

Cellular Sciences

- Cytopathology
- Histopathology
- Reproductive Science (Andrology)
- Reproductive Science (Embryology)

Blood Sciences

- Clinical Biochemistry
- Clinical Immunology
- Haematology and Transfusion Science
- Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics

Infection Sciences

- Clinical Microbiology

Genomic Sciences

- Cancer Genomics
- Genomics
- Genomic Counselling

Clinical Bioinformatics

Clinical Bioinformatics

- Genomics
- Health informatics
- Physical Sciences

All in Blue offered by MAHSE

How do you become a Clinical Scientist?

- Apply for job in January to start in September
- Online aptitude tests
- Application form on NHS Careers website
 - answer the 4 questions on the form
 - relate your experience to the **patient**
- Application forms assessed – shortlisted
- Interviews in Birmingham during March/April (speed-dating)
- Successful candidates choose preferred location
- [Information about applying to the Scientist Training Programme](#)

What makes a good Clinical Scientist?

- **High achieving** graduates
- People who are **passionate** about science or technology
- People who want to apply their skills and knowledge for the benefit of **patients** and the **public**
- People who seek constant **improvement** and **innovation**
- Many will work directly with patients as well as being involved in innovation, **research** and **development** and **education** and **training**

Resources and tips

- Websites:
 - NHS careers & National School of Healthcare Science (NSHCS)
 - Public Health England / Royal College of Pathologists
 - [STP Perspectives](#)
- Application:
 - Reference the NHS Values & Behaviours (NHS Constitution) & focus on the patient
 - Understand where Clinical Scientists and **the role you're applying for fits** into the healthcare system
 - Speak to people in the field, volunteer, attend lab visits: be **proactive**

Clinical Bioinformatician Role

- [The role of Clinical Bioinformatician](#)
- Genomics specialism
 - Responsible for analysing and interpreting genetic data and advising scientists and clinicians to best inform patient care.
 - Involved in building the necessary IT infrastructure including appropriate servers, databases and pipelines to analyse the data.
 - Leadership role in establishing best-practice for data analysis and interpretation, data storage and governance within their laboratory.
 - Interact with multidisciplinary teams including clinical scientists, clinical geneticists, other specialty clinicians and genetic counsellors, and advise colleagues with respect to interpretation of genetic data that will inform patient care.