

Careers Pathways in Education, Health Care and Public Services

Facts

- The public sector employs around 5.6 million people across the UK
- The largest employer in the health sector is the NHS which employs more than 1.7 million people in the UK
- As the third largest employer in the UK the teaching and education sector has a lot to offer graduates.
- Police Officers work closely with members of the criminal justice system, social workers, school, local businesses, health trust, housing authorities, town planners and community groups to provide advice, education and assistance to those who wish to reduce crime or have been affected by crime.



Job Opportunities

A career within the education sector can mean teaching students from all ages and backgrounds. You can look forward to doing a job which provides fresh challenges and the opportunity to meet an electric mix of people every day.

The social Work sector can be one of the most rewarding sectors to work in and make a real difference.

Allied Health Professionals (e.g Therapists, Dieticians and Radiographers) provide treatment that helps transform peoples lives. They may work directly with a patient to develop some interactive therapies to aid recovery, or other professionals such as GP's, hospital doctors, teachers or social workers.



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Career Area	Job Description	Career Pathways	A Level Subject
Teaching	As a teacher you can expect a competitive salary and excellent career progression and development opportunities	Can lead to a career in Primary, Secondary and Post 16 Education	You will need to study at least one National Curriculum subject. For Primary teaching think about English and Maths.
Social Care	Career opportunities are varied and the work is rewarding, knowing you are making a positive difference to people's lives by contributing to their health and well being	Advice Worker, Charity Officer, Counsellor, Drug Worker, Probation Officer and Social Worker are all roles that this pathway leads to	Useful subjects include Health and Social Care, Sociology, Psychology, Geography or Religious Studies.
Uniformed Services	The armed forces and emergency services are made up of people in a vast array of roles, in both the public and private sectors	This pathway can lead to careers in the Police, Fire and Rescue Service or the Armed Forces	A wide range of qualifications will be accepted, with a combination of A Levels and BTECs
Nursing and Paramedic	Providing either an immediate response to a medical emergency or longer-term care for specific conditions	This pathway leads to careers including Adult Nursing, Health Services Manager or Paramedic	You are recommended to choose subjects from A Level Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and BTEC Health and Social Care and Applied Science
Physiotherapy	Physiotherapists work with patients to identify and improve their movement and function, injury or disability	This pathway will be of interest to those aspiring to become a Physiotherapist or Sports Therapist	You may wish to consider studying A Level Biology alongside Chemistry, Maths or Physics but you can also study BTEC Sport, Applied Science
Psychology, Therapy and Counselling	Aim to reduce distress and improve psychological well-being or help people to independently carry out everyday tasks or occupations	This pathway can lead to clinical Psychologist, Counsellor or Occupational Therapist.	Recommended subjects are A Level Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Maths or Physics.

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Useful Websites

Careers after your degree – www.prospects.ac.uk

National Careers Service www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) www.education.gov.uk

General Teaching Council for England (GTC) www.gtce.org.uk

NHS Careers www.nhscareers.nhs.uk

Careers in Probation www.jobsinsprobation.com

General Social Care Council (GSCC) www.gsccl.org.uk

Community Service Volunteers (CSV) www.csv.org.uk

MOD Careers www.mod.uk

Police Recruitment Service <http://policerecruitment.homeoffice.gov.uk>

Fire Service www.fireservice.co.uk

Teaching/Early Years Education www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching

Care Careers www.skillsforcare.org.uk