



WORK INSPIRATION – Medicine Careers

To help your students explore a range of careers and use resources that will help them assess their skills and abilities.

What better time to explore the roles of those staff who are working to save us and care for us in the community.

ASPIRING MEDICS

The [Royal Society of Medicine Careers page](#) is a good start for aspiring medics and their link with [The Medic Portal](#).

'Virtual' Medical Work Experience

- **Observe GP**

New and launched on 30 April, this is an alternative to work experience for aspiring medics aged 16+. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP, created by the [Royal College of General](#)

[Practitioners](#) (RCGP). Watch a seven minute teacher webinar introducing the [Observe](#) a GP platform that will suit students aged 16+ who are aspiring medics

- **Brighton & Sussex Medical School (BCMS)** [Brighton & Sussex Medical School](#) virtual work experience programme for those looking to apply to medical school. Here is an [all you need to know](#) about the programme. Before doing this programme as it will take some time and commitment, read this useful [review](#).
- A [blog](#) on best work experience alternatives if work experience is unable to occur
- [Medical Schools Council](#) has published [guidance](#) for gaining relevant experience during the pandemic

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- A [video](#) from the Medical Schools Council on gaining work experience in the time of COVID-19
- Whilst no replacement for work experience. [Junior Doctors](#) is a documentary series on the BBC, following the journey of newly qualified medics as they start working on hospital wards for the first time.

Medicine – University Related

- How to [prepare](#) for medical interviews
- [Guide](#) to Medicine Degrees
- [List](#) of Medicine Degrees
- 2020 application for 2021 requirements for UK Medical Schools has been [updated](#)
- **UCAT** – [Update](#) page for University Clinical Aptitude Test
- How to start **UCAT prep**
- [Prepare](#) for **UCAT** with official resources
- **BMAT** – [Update](#) page for BioMedical Admissions Test
- If you are worried about how COVID-19 will impact your medical school application - this [page](#) will keep you up to date with content from UCAS and Medical Schools Council
- Following a UK Medical Schools Webinar – an excellent [Frequently Asked Questions section](#) on 2021 entry. Also have further links to useful resources and answers questions on work experience. Please watch the webinar back [here](#).
- UCAT are doing a live Q&A with Becoming a Dr on 30 June at 6.00pm – students must [register](#) in advance and it is also open to educators and parents.

Medicine Twitter Accounts to follow

- https://twitter.com/swot_UP - QUB
- <https://twitter.com/BecomingaDr>
- <https://twitter.com/themedicportal>
- https://twitter.com/we_are_medics
- <https://twitter.com/themedicbloguk> - The Medic Blog

- <https://twitter.com/ukmedschools> - UK Med Schools
- <https://twitter.com/GenMedX> - Generation Medics

It is also worth following them on [Instagram](#) for their Q&A sessions and other useful resources

Resources for completing a medical application

- A [useful resource](#) with links for those completing a medical application
- [Example of MMIs](#) used at QUB for Medicine
- [Medicine Personal Statement webinars](#) (there is a cost)
- [10 Step Checklist](#) for a medicine personal statement
- An [example](#) of a medical personal statement

Resources to expand medical career knowledge

- [Medical Mavericks](#) selection of short videos
- 3 medical [docuseries](#) on Netflix that are recommended to watch
- Some recommended [reads](#) for aspiring medics and some further [lockdown](#) reads
- University of Birmingham Blog - A [whole selection of blogs](#) – written by current students for aspiring applicants
- Read the [diary of Mr Niall Eames](#), who is the Clinical Director and Consultant Spinal Surgeon describing his time in the Nightingale Hospital in Belfast as he volunteered to work in a COVID-19 ward.
- Great Ormond Street Hospital at the start of June successfully separated craniopagus twins Yiğit and Derman. Their complex surgery and care involved a 100 strong team. [Explore the story](#) of their treatment. Channel 4 News covered their incredible story – watch [here](#). (It may have scenes that are distressing)



SPOTLIGHT ON

Career as a Pathologist

- Explore the career of a [Forensic Pathologist](#) in Queensland, Australia.
- Explore the range of [careers in Pathology](#) on the **Royal College of Pathology** website.
- Virtual Careers Talk – Royal College of Pathologists [Careers Talk by Dr Rachel Liebmann](#), she is a Histopathologist.
- A selection of [Interviews with Pathologists](#) on the Royal College of Pathology YouTube channel.
- A brief outline of the [roles within Pathology](#) on the Royal College of Pathology YouTube channel.
- A Living Autopsy – What Happens During an Autopsy? [Dr Suzy Lishman, Consultant Histopathologist](#) at Peterborough City Hospital, explains how histopathologists work through the different sections and organs of the body to determine the cause of death. This is a full lecture – 1 hour 17 minutes. Please be aware although there is no blood, no body parts or dead bodies, you may find this uncomfortable.
- The journey of a [biopsy](#).
- The journey of a [blood sample](#).

We have separate factsheets that relate specifically to the Creative Industries and a generic one too.

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