

CAREERS

**What To Do
Next...**



NURSING

- Nursing degree apprenticeships allow you to study at university on a part time basis. Most nursing degree apprenticeships will take four years.
- Students receive hands-on training with patients in real clinical settings.



LAW

- You will need a Law degree or a Graduate Diploma in Law after completing a different undergraduate degree
- You will need an LPC to become a solicitor
- You will need a BPP to become a barrister
- Cylex is a new alternative if you want to become a legal executive
- After an LPC or BPP you will need to complete a training contract for two years



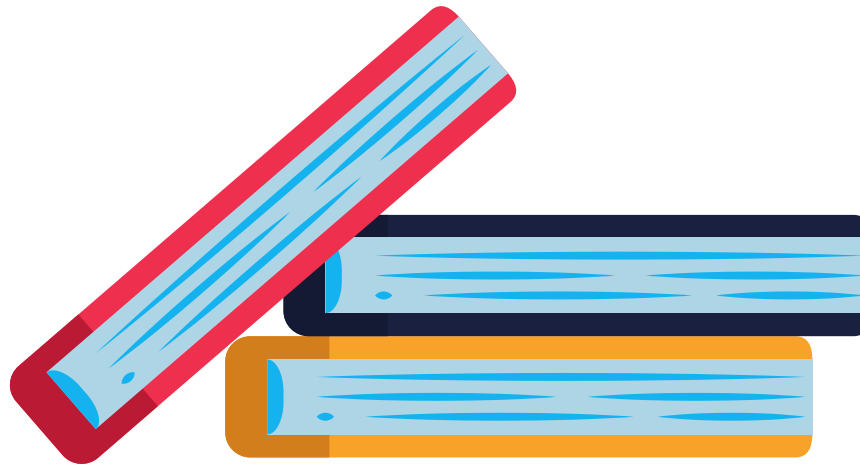
MEDICINE

- Medical school.
- Most med schools require A-Levels in chemistry and biology, and the third A-Level varies depending on the med school
- Medical school is followed by a residency training program
- Medicine is one of the UK's most competitive courses



CONSTRUCTION

- Various apprenticeships available in construction including Quantity Surveying, Bricklaying and Architecture.
- Some firms offer degree apprenticeships where you study 1 day a week and work the rest, meaning once you have finished the course you have a qualification as well as many years of experience, all for free. This can lead to you gaining very beneficial skills and moving up the ladder into a higher position in the firm.
- Other ways of getting onto these courses is to message the firms directly and ask about what apprenticeship opportunities they have available.
- The qualifications needed to get onto these placements vary. For degree apprenticeships the requirements are usually 3 A-Levels/BTECs, while for apprenticeships beginning after you leave school it is usually 5 GCSEs.



TEACHING

- After completing a degree there are two routes that enable you to qualify as a teacher.
- The first is school-led training, which involves hands-on training in at least two different schools. This course generally lasts a year, at the end of which you will be awarded a QTS, normally including a PGCE.
- Alternatively, if you are a graduate with a 2:1 or above, you could study on the teach-first programme, an employment-based programme where you can work towards a QTS whilst earning a salary.
- A job in teaching has opportunity for promotion, with senior leadership roles such as head of department, head of year or principle.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

- The traditional route to applying for the police force involves applying directly to one of the country's police forces. To apply you must be 18 or over and a British citizen, and must have completed A-Levels or equivalent.
- The application process involves several stages: completing the online application, attending an assessment centre, attending an interview, undergoing medical and fitness tests and passing background/ security checks.
- If successful you will complete a two year probationary period before being confirmed at the rank of constable.



MEDIA

- Generally A-level choices won't affect your chances of a career in media, with some obvious exceptions. For example, if you want to work in science, technical or medical media, you should study a relevant degree at university (ie. science or maths.)
- In terms of relevant degrees, there is the option to take a first choice degree and then do a postgraduate media course. Many undergraduates who want to become editors and journalists take this route. Sometimes you won't even need this postgraduate qualification.
- There are limited apprenticeships, ie. in junior production roles and a limited number of journalist posts in newspapers and broadcasting.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

- A university degree is not necessarily required in order to become a web developer, as anybody can learn coding and other relevant skills needed to succeed in the job independently. However, it will certainly help speed up the process.
- A degree such as Computer Science will be majorly beneficial in becoming a digital technician/web developer.
- To get onto a computer science course, the entry requirements differ from uni to uni, but the likelihood is, the higher the grades the more likely you are to enjoy the course and do well in it.



VETERINARY SURGEON

- To become a qualified vet you must have a university degree in veterinary medicine
- This is a very competitive course and in order to get onto it, it requires high A-Level grades including biology and at least 1 more science related subject.
- Some universities will accept BTECs in relevant subjects such as Applied Science.
- A few skills needed to succeed in this role would be a passion for science, quick-decision making skills, confidence and leadership.



HAIR AND BEAUTY

- There are many different services which you can make a career out of, such as hairdressing and beauty therapy.
- In order to become qualified in these fields, a degree is not required. Instead, undergoing a training course relevant to the field you're interested in is all you need to set you on your way.
- A level 2 or 3 diploma in a course such as hair and beauty is required.
- To qualify for this course, usually 5 GCSEs A*-C are required.