

# Career of the week



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## Psychiatrist

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*Psychiatrists diagnose and treat patients with mental health problems.*

### Entry routes:

The exact entry requirements will depend on the country you live in, but you'll usually need:

- to complete a medical degree at medicine school
- To complete general training, sometimes referred to as a foundation programme
- To complete specialist training in psychiatry, sometimes referred to as a residency

To enter medical school, you'll often need to complete vigorous exams like the MCAT (in the US and Canada) or the UCAT or BMAT (in the UK). These tests are used to check your suitability for a career in medicine by testing your mental abilities and behavioural characteristics, rather than your academic achievements.

**Medical practitioners salaries:** £41,296 to £59,346

**Working hours:** You may work long hours, including nights and weekends. You'll also be part of an out-of-hours rota system.

**UK growth:** +7.2% increase in 118,954 jobs from 2020-2035

**West Midlands growth:** +5.8% increase of 8,202 jobs from 2020-2035

### Character virtues

responsibility, resilience, compassion, respect, commitment

### Key words

Medicine, psychology, bookings, developing, solving, complaints, customer service, studying, observing, organising, testing