

A&E Doctor: Person Spec/Job Description

Nature of the work

They see patients of all age groups with a full spectrum of undifferentiated physical and behavioural disorders.

They treat conditions such as:

- loss of consciousness, eg from an injury to the head, drug poisoning, an epileptic fit
- severe bleeding
- damage to the brain or other major organs, due to trauma
- cardiac arrest (when the pumping action of the heart stops)
- breathing difficulties
- broken bones
- mental health problems, eg self-harm patients

Skills/motivations required for the career:

Commitment to lifelong learning, empathy, resilience, realistic understanding of what a career in medicine entails, good communication skills, a desire to combine science and working with people, tact, professional integrity, problem solving, ability to think of the spot in high pressure situations, accuracy.

Education/Qualifications:

- Medicine degree recognised by General Medical Council
- A levels, usually three including biology and chemistry at high grades AAA+
- Generally very good GCSEs with minimum C grades in English and Maths
- You will need to do relevant work experience/volunteering during your teenage years in order to show medical schools you have the relevant interpersonal skills and commitment to the medical profession.

Salary:

Average £74k but you can earn more than this as a Consultant and will start-off on less than this initially, usually around £30k.

For more info about this career, see:

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/doctors/roles-doctors/emergency-medicine>