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Public & Service Sector



About The Industry

These careers are at the centre of society and help our healthcare and social services run. People within this industry are employed by either central or local government. Many who work within this industry highlight that it can be extremely rewarding.

These careers will often require you to work with people, from adults to children. There are many roles within this sector such as being a doctor, teacher, ambulance driver, carer or even a software designer.

You may be required to enter by undertaking a "traditional academic" path or you could enter the world of work straight from school!



The Stats!



- This industry employs **203,000** people!
- This is **7.8%** of Scotland's working population!
- Over **59,000** are employed in Scotland's Healthcare sector!
- The sector is growing! Healthcare has grown by almost **8%** over the past 10 years!
- **42%** of jobs in this industry are in the private sector

Possible Careers

Health Visitor
Doctor
Pharmacist
Paramedic
Chef
Councillor
Social Worker
Nanny
Teacher
Housing Officer
Care Support Worker
Art Therapist
Medical Secretary



Career Insight: Medical Secretary

Average Salary: £27,560

No. Employed: 5,900

This job requires you to ensure the doctor's office runs smoothly and provides a good service.

You would be expected to:

- Handle enquiries from patients
- Manage waiting lists
- Send samples for medical testing
- Update patients notes
- Manage the filing of info
- Type and send letters
- Oversee the office budget

Career Insight: Social Worker

Average Salary: £36,920

No. Employed: 12,000

This job requires you to give support, help and advice to vulnerable adults and children to help improve their lives.

You would be expected to:

- Assess individual's circumstances
- Build strong relationships
- Offer information and organise support services
- Organise and manage support plans
- Take part in teams meetings
- Keep records/write reports
- Give evidence

Career Insight: Art Therapist

Average Salary: £22,880

No. Employed: 2,300

This job requires you to use art and other creative strategies to help vulnerable people express themselves and overcome their challenges. You would work with people who are going through a challenging time or who had experienced trauma.

You would be expected to:

- Create new activities to allow people to express themselves
- Adopt a patient, calm and supportive attitude
- Have a knowledge of various artistic techniques
- Work closely with other professionals such as healthcare professionals and social work

Useful Websites!

- *My World of Work Job Profiles-*
<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/health-care-and-social-services>
- *NHS qualifications info-*
<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/83475.html>
- *Scottish Social Services Council-* <https://www.sssc.uk.com/>

