

# Jobs that make a difference to people's lives

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DIFFERENCE**

# The allied health professions

**Art  
therapists**

**Diagnostic  
radiographers**

**Dietitians**

**Drama  
therapists**

**Music  
therapists**

**Occupational  
therapists**

**Operating  
department  
practitioners**

**Orthoptists**

**Osteopaths**

**Physiotherapists**

**Podiatrists**

**Prosthetists  
and orthotists**

**Speech and  
language  
therapists**

**Therapeutic  
radiographers**

# **What do allied health professionals do?**

Make sure adults  
and children can live  
life to the fullest by  
helping them live  
with or recover from  
health problems.

# What does an Orthoptist do?

- Diagnose and treat problems affecting the eyes – how they develop, how the brain controls them, and how they work together
- Help people who've had a stroke, or people who have trouble communicating
- Prescribe patches, eye exercises, prisms and glasses
- Screen children's eyes in school to catch problems early

# What does a Podiatrist do?

- Take care of people's feet, ankles and lower legs, so they can walk without pain
- You could treat all sorts of things, like dance and sports injuries
- Help people with long-term conditions like diabetes and arthritis to stay mobile
- Work with doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals to help patients and reduce the need for an amputation

# What does a Prosthetist / Orthotist do?

- Help people with missing limbs or long-term conditions like cerebral palsy, using custom devices that attach to their bodies
  - **Prosthesis** – an artificial limb
  - **Orthosis** – scaffolding for the body, like a splint or brace
- Measure patients and design unique devices to fit
- Help people use and adapt to their devices

# What does a Therapeutic Radiographer do?

- Target and destroy cancer cells using highly advanced technology and software
- Look after patients and their families during treatment; patients are at the heart of what therapeutic radiographers do

# Why be an allied health professional?

- Over 90% of graduates have a job in their chosen profession
- Choose from jobs in the NHS and private practice
- Lots of chances to specialise in areas that interest you
- Good starting salary – £23,000 a year (Band 5)
- Salaries in more specialised, consultant or senior management roles range from £40,000 to £85,000
- Generally work core daytime hours



# **Becoming an allied health professional**

**Three years at university**

**A mix of lectures, studying, and practising by treating real people**

**Courses can be intense**

**My work/life  
balance is sorted.  
And I genuinely  
love what I do**



## **Where to look next**

[iseethedifference.co.uk](http://iseethedifference.co.uk)  
[stepintothenhs.nhs.uk](http://stepintothenhs.nhs.uk)

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