

Health Sector Information Resources

As part of the UCL Careers Health Themed Week, we have created this handout to provide a list of useful resources to help prepare you for the events and to continue your research into the sector.

Overview

The health sector covers a broad range of career options, spanning the public, private and not for profit sectors. When we think about a career in health, we tend to consider clinical roles involving direct contact with patients. However, health careers encompass a diverse range of specialisms, including data science, diagnostics, research, and policy.

Key starting points

Job profiles

The following job profiles provide detailed information about a range of graduate level roles available within the health sector. Job profiles provide key information such as:

- Main duties / responsibilities for the role
- Expected salary information (starting and potential earnings)
- Professional development, training and career prospects
- Typical working hours
- Entry requirements (formal qualifications and skills)
- How to get work experience
- How to identify key employers and where to search for vacancy

Prospects profiles

Healthcare:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/healthcare>

Public services and administration:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/public-services-and-administration>

Charity and voluntary work:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/charity-and-voluntary-work>

To view the job profiles of a broader range of health careers, browse the a-z listing below.

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-a-to-z>

NHS job profiles

There are over 350 different NHS careers. The NHS Health Careers website provides a useful overview of the healthcare sector, as well as detailed information about a range of job roles.

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/working-health>

Professional organisations and other bodies

Many health sector professional body websites will produce career guides aimed at student and graduate level jobseekers, providing an insider's view on how to start your health career. They will also provide information for their members on areas such as events, news on current trends, and future developments for the sector.

Keeping up to date with sector news through sites like these is useful for building your commercial awareness which recruiters will be looking for evidence of when you start applying.

The listing below will highlight the major professional bodies for the health sector and explain what sorts of information each one provides that might be useful to you when planning your health career. They will also provide support with navigating these sites to find the student focussed content.

<https://ucl-careers-resources.targetconnect.net/search/tags/professional-association?query=health>

Key vacancy sources and employer directories

Through 'myUCLCareers', thousands of organisations target UCL students and graduates by advertising a range of vacancy types including work experience / internships and full time graduate level roles.

Log in to your own myUCLCareers account now to search current health sector vacancies. Filter the vacancies by 'occupational area' or use the 'quick search' option to search by key word.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/opportunities/jobs/job-sites>

Through your myUCLCareers account you can also use the organisation search to identify recruiters by 'occupational area' who have a connection with UCL Careers and who operate in the health sector.

Employers may also promote recruitment / networking / skill development events both on and off campus. View forthcoming event listing on myUCLCareers.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/events-list

Some [many] recruiters won't directly target UCL students through myUCLCareers so it's also worth expanding your search by looking through our listings of health sector job sites to identify potential employers, (to research further or for speculative applications), or current opportunities:

Company directories:

<https://ucl-careers-resources.targetconnect.net/search/tags/directory?query=health>

Job sites:

<https://ucl-careers-resources.targetconnect.net/search/tags/job-site?query=health>

Extracurricular activities

Students' Union UCL – Clubs and Societies

There are a large number of clubs / societies at UCL, a number of which are relevant to the health sector. To find a club or society, search by category or browse the a-z listing.

<http://studentsunionucl.org/clubs-societies/directory>

UCL Volunteering Service

Volunteering is a great way to give something back to society, whilst enhancing your CV with valuable work experience. The UCL Volunteering Service can help you to find the right opportunity, from regular volunteering to one off events.

<http://studentsunionucl.org/volunteering>

Health Careers Themed Week Resources

If you missed our annual Health Careers Week or would like a reminder of what happened, the 'Resources' section of our website will provide a mix of lecture cast recordings, speaker profiles and event summaries which will include top tips from all those involved with the week

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/resources/themed-weeks-archive> .

Alumni Mentoring

Following the Themed Week, you might also want to explore the 'UCL Alumni Online Community' to identify UCL graduates who are now working in this sector and who are happy to provide support for UCL students.

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/opportunities/jobs/alumni-mentoring>