

Regulated Occupations Registered with UK Healthcare Regulators	Minimum Qualification Level (National Qualifications Framework based on E/W/NI framework) Equivalent levels: 7 = Master's Degree / Professional First Degree 6 = Bachelor's Degree 5 = Foundation Degree / Diploma of Higher Education 4 = Certificate of Higher Education 3 = NVQ3	Is a level 6 degree, or above, available as an entry point?	Example Reference Source
Pharmacy technicians (GB only, not NI)	3	No	https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/education/pharmacy-technician/accredited-courses https://www.the-pda.org/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-PT-Report-28-02-19.pdf
Dental technicians	3	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/dental-team/roles-dental-team/dental-techniciandental-technologist https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs/job-profile/dental-technician
Dental nurses	3	Yes	https://www.gdc-uk.org/professionals/education/recent-inspections/inspections-dental-nursing
Orthodontic therapists	4 + post-qual experience	Yes, via earlier dental qualification	https://www.gdc-uk.org/professionals/education/recent-inspections/inspections-ot
Paramedics	5	Yes	https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs/job-profile/paramedic
Operating department practitioners	5	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/operating-department-practitioner/studying-operating-department-practice

Hearing aid dispensers	5	Yes	https://www.bshaa.com/Become-an-Audiologist https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/physiological-sciences/audiology/entry-requirements-skills-and-interests-audiology https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/healthcare-science/roles-healthcare-science/physiological-sciences/hearing-aid-dispenser/hearing-aid-dispenser-entry-requirements-skills
Dispensing opticians	5	Yes	https://www.optical.org/en/Education/Criteria_for_registration/Dispensing_opticians/UK_route_to_registration.cfm
Dental therapists	5	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/dental-team/roles-dental-team/dental-therapist
Dental hygienists	5	Yes	https://www.gdc-uk.org/professionals/education/recent-inspections/inspections-dental-therapy
Clinical dental technicians	5	Yes	https://www.gdc-uk.org/professionals/education/recent-inspections/inspections-clinical-dt
Speech and language therapists	6	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/speech-and-language-therapist
Social workers in England	6	Yes	https://targetcareers.co.uk/career-sectors/public-sector-and-charity/730-how-do-i-get-into-social-work
Radiographers	6	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/therapeutic-radiographer https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/diagnostic-radiographer/entry-requirements-and-training-diagnostic

Prosthetists/orthotists	6	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/prosthetistorthotist/entry-requirements-and-training-prosthetistorthotist
Physiotherapists	6	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/physiotherapist/entry-requirements-and-training-physiotherapist
Osteopaths	6	Yes	https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/training-and-registering/becoming-an-osteopath/training-courses/
Orthoptists	6	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/orthoptist/entry-requirements-and-training-orthoptist
Optometrists	6	Yes	https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs/job-profile/optometrist
Occupational therapists	6	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/occupational-therapist/entry-requirements-and-training-occupational
Nurses	6	Yes	https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/become-a-nurse
Midwives	6	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/midwifery/studying-midwifery
Dietitians	6	Yes	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/dietitian
Clinical scientists	6	Yes	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/healthcare-scientist-clinical-biochemistry
Chiropractors	6	Yes	https://www.gcc-uk.org/education/undergraduate-education/

Chiropodists/podiatrists	6	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/podiatrist
Biomedical scientists	6	Yes	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/biomedical-scientist
Practitioner psychologists	7	Yes	https://www.bps.org.uk/public/become-psychologist/getting-started
Pharmacists	7	Yes	https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/education/pharmacist-education
Medical practitioners	7	Yes	https://www.bellerbys.com/study/career-guides/how-to-become-hospital-doctor
Dentists	7	Yes	https://www.reed.co.uk/career-advice/how-to-become-a-dentist/
Arts therapists	7	Yes	https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/art-therapistart-psychotherapist/entry-requirements-and-training-art