

What does a Doctor do?

General practitioners (GPs) are doctors who provide medical services to people in their local community.

How do you become a Doctor?

You'll need to complete:

- a 5-year degree in medicine, recognised by the General Medical Council
- a 2-year foundation course of general training
- a 3-year specialist training course in general practice

You'll usually need:

- at least 5 GCSEs grades 9 to 7, including English Maths and Sciences
- 3 A Levels, or equivalent, including biology and chemistry

Average Salary

From £60,455 to £91,228

Typical Working Week

45 to 50 Hours

Including Bank Holidays and Weekends

Day-to-Day Tasks

- speak to patients face to face, on the phone or online
- diagnose patients' symptoms
- prescribe medicines or recommend treatments
- carry out minor surgery
- give general health advice
- refer patients to specialist consultants for tests and further diagnosis
- work with other healthcare professionals in your practice
- make improvements to healthcare by doing research
- organise and lead clinics for specific groups of patients or medical conditions
- help to train junior doctors and other healthcare professionals

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