



# What is an Allied Health Professional?

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AHPs form the third largest clinical workforce in health and social care in England. They provide high quality care to people in hospitals, communities, the independent and charitable sectors and schools. A career in the allied health professions makes you highly employable, allows you to help people every day and gives you the flexibility to live and work anywhere.



**Diagnostic Radiographers** are responsible for the accurate and safe use of X-radiation, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound waves and radiation-emitting radionuclides. Patient care is at their heart.



**Therapeutic Radiographers** provide care to patients diagnosed with cancer and safely deliver accurate radiotherapy treatment. They are responsible for patients for their whole course of treatment.



**Occupational Therapists** help people find ways to continue doing what is important to them when illness, injury, disability or ageing make ordinary tasks harder to do.



**Osteopaths** are musculoskeletal experts. They diagnose and treat a wide range of health issues, working mainly as private-practice primary care practitioners, as well as the NHS.



**Operating Department Practitioners** work alongside anaesthetists and surgeons caring for patients during operations. They provide specialist expertise before and during surgery, and also as the patient recovers from anaesthesia.



**Prosthetists** are responsible for the assessment, prescription, measurement, design, fit, supply and review of prosthetic limbs that enhance life for people of all ages.



**Orthotists** work in different settings with people of all ages. They improve activity and reduce pain using orthoses (braces) as part of their treatment plan.



**Physiotherapists** work with people of all ages, helping improve movement and quality of life using physical and psychological techniques, including movement and exercise.



**Paramedics** provide care for people from birth to death, and are there for the public in times of mental and physical crisis, injury, illness and life-threatening emergencies.



**Orthoptists** specialise in diagnosing and managing eye conditions, in a wide age range of individuals, that affect eye movements, visual development or the way the eyes work together.



**Dramatherapists** use role-play, movement & storytelling to explore and support a person's mental health. Sessions can be delivered one-to-one or in a group in person or online.



**Art Therapists** use art to improve people's mental health and quality of life. They work within multi-disciplinary teams within the NHS, schools, charities and many other places.



**Music Therapists** are psychological clinicians that use music to improve mental health, self-expression and quality of life. They work across all ages with groups and individuals.



**Dietitians** help people make informed choices about their food and nutrition. They work to promote good health and prevent disease in individuals and communities



How would you feel if you could not communicate or swallow safely? **Speech and Language Therapists** transform lives every day.



**Podiatrists** work with people of all ages to assess, diagnose and manage foot and lower limb problems using a broad range of knowledge and skills. They support people to live happy, healthy, independent lives.



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