

# Healthcare Science Career of the Week



## Allied Health Professional Orthoptist

Pay Scale: Band 5 to 7: £21,000-£40,500

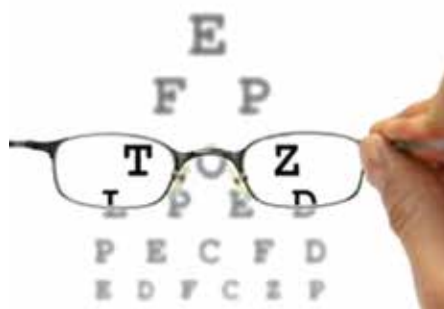
### AMAZING FACT

There are four types of Glaucoma which is commonly characterised by having high fluid pressure inside the eye ball!

Working closely with other specialists in the NHS, orthoptists are critical at diagnosing conditions that effect peoples vision like; glaucoma, a range of disorders normally linked to increase in pressure inside the eye, cataract, where the lens steams up from inside, retinal disease, damage to the back of the eye and even a stroke, when the area of the brain that controls your vision is starved of oxygen.

Their job doesn't stop there, they then help manage the conditions caused by these various illnesses and problems.

Orthoptists don't just work within a hospital they can go into schools to examine children, charities, private clinics, universities and specialised eye hospitals.



#### SEARCH

You can find even more details on Orthoptics by going to the British & Irish Orthoptics Society. Check them out here – [www.orthoptics.org.uk](http://www.orthoptics.org.uk)  
They are even on Twitter - @FollowBios

### What to do to get into this career...



#### Top Tip

There are only 3 universities that teach Orthoptics. These are Liverpool, Sheffield and Glasgow Caledonian.

To find a Healthcare Science degree and the Uni's that teach them, visit the Student Zone on the Medical Mavericks website [www.medicalmavericks.co.uk](http://www.medicalmavericks.co.uk) or scan this QR code to take you straight there.



#### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

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