

# Healthcare Science Career of the Week



## Physician Associate

Area of HCS: Medical Associate Professions

Pay Scale: £32k-£48k

### AMAZING FACT |

- Borborygmus is the scientific name for when your stomach rumbles!

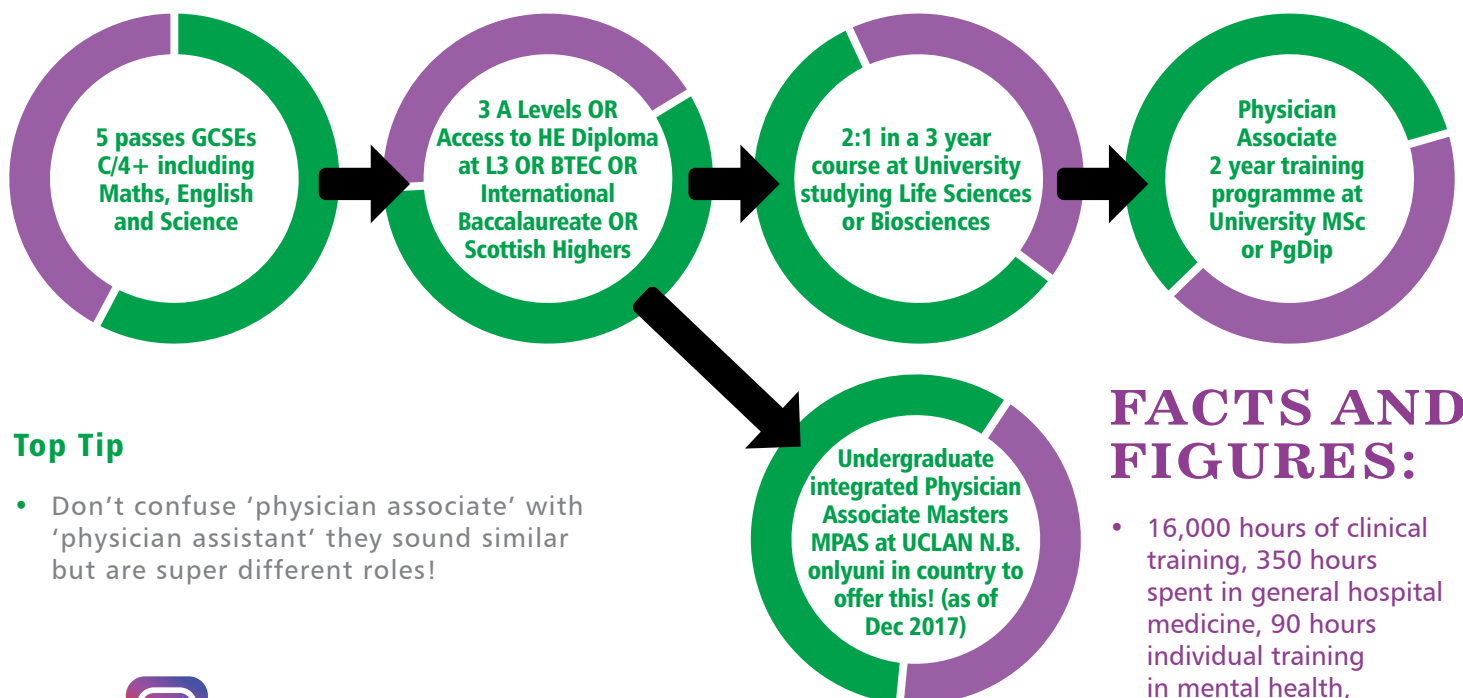
As a physician associate you'll be working in a hospital or GP surgery and have direct contact with patients. You'll be trained to take medical histories, perform examinations, diagnosis illnesses, analyse test results, deliver treatments and make home visits. That's right, you get to meet and treat patients! You'll need good communication skills as you'll be meeting new people all the time, plus as this is a new role there is little public knowledge of what your job is so it's up to you to explain to them!

Training takes 2 years and is very intensive, but you'll get a lot of hands on practice and get to experience what it's really like to work in the NHS. You'll become specialised in general adult medicine, and the experience is similar to what trainee doctors go through. This can be a tough job with a large pressure from patient workload, but you get the opportunity to make a real difference to patient lives.

### AMAZING FACT 2:

- This is a relatively new role in the NHS, before 2015 there were NO physician associates at all! Take the opportunity to try something new and exciting, who knows where this role will lead...

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

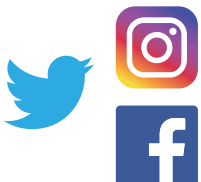


#### Top Tip

- Don't confuse 'physician associate' with 'physician assistant' they sound similar but are super different roles!

### FACTS AND FIGURES:

- 16,000 hours of clinical training, 350 hours spent in general hospital medicine, 90 hours individual training in mental health, surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology AND paediatrics, 37.5 hours work a week, 30 universities offer training.



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