

Healthcare Science Career of the Week



Clinical Biochemist

Area of HCS: Life Science
Pay scale: Band 4-7 £18k-£55k

AMAZING FACT

These guys & gals use techniques including spectrophotometry, mass spectroscopy, high performance chromatography, electrophoresis & immunoassay.

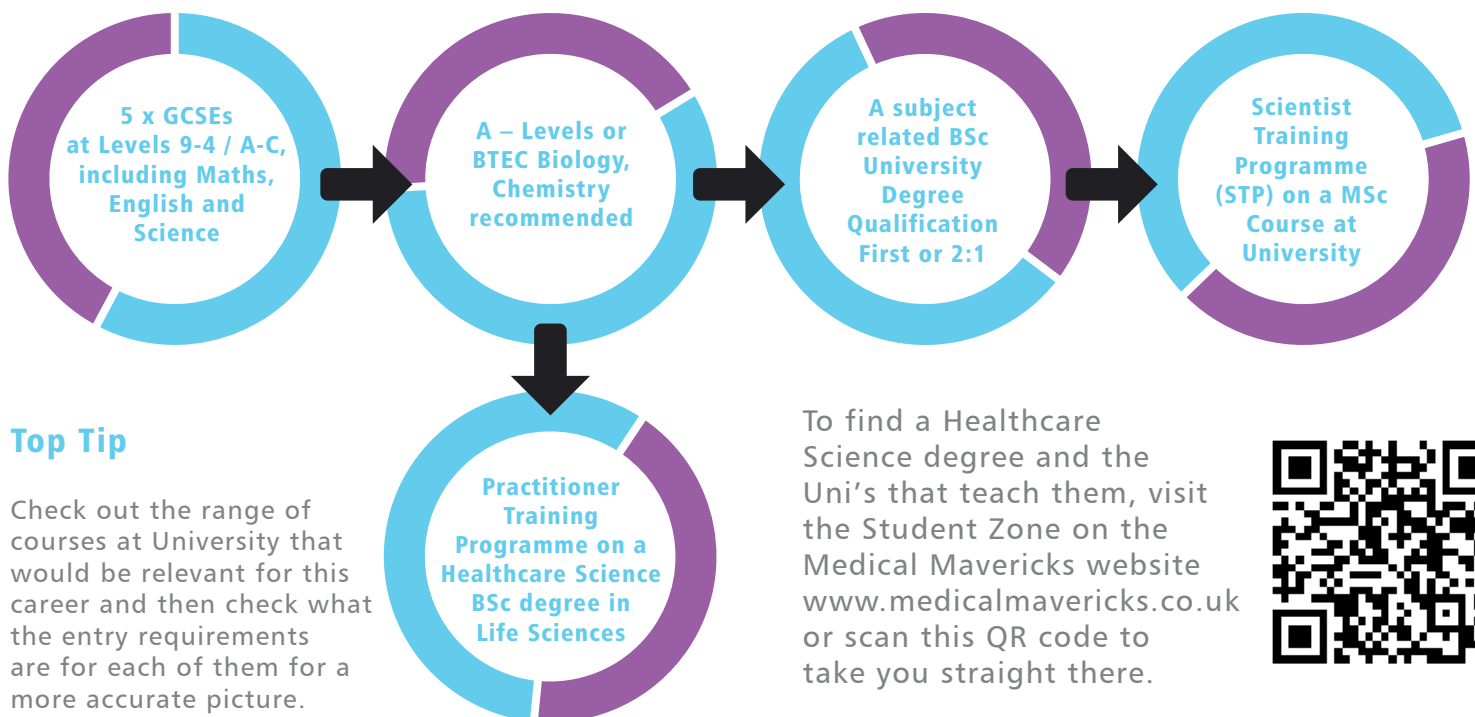
These guys and girls help diagnose and treat diseases by analysing samples from bodily fluids, blood and urine. The results from these tests would be used by a wide ranging team from pathologists, to surgeons and GPs, who would either diagnose or administer treatments based on the interpretation of the results.

This is a very varied job that encompasses many skills. You will have to be a good communicator with as it the results you produce need to be relayed correctly to other clinicians. You also have some patient contact, which requires empathy and listening skills. You need to be able to write reports as well as be good with numbers.

In addition research can play a massive part of a clinical biochemist work. Without research, we would not have new tests to identify diseases, new or more efficient treatments, making this job vital to patient care.



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