

Healthcare Science Career of the Week



Neonatal Nurse

Area of NHS: Neonatal Care

Pay Scale:
£36k- £55k
Band 5 - 7



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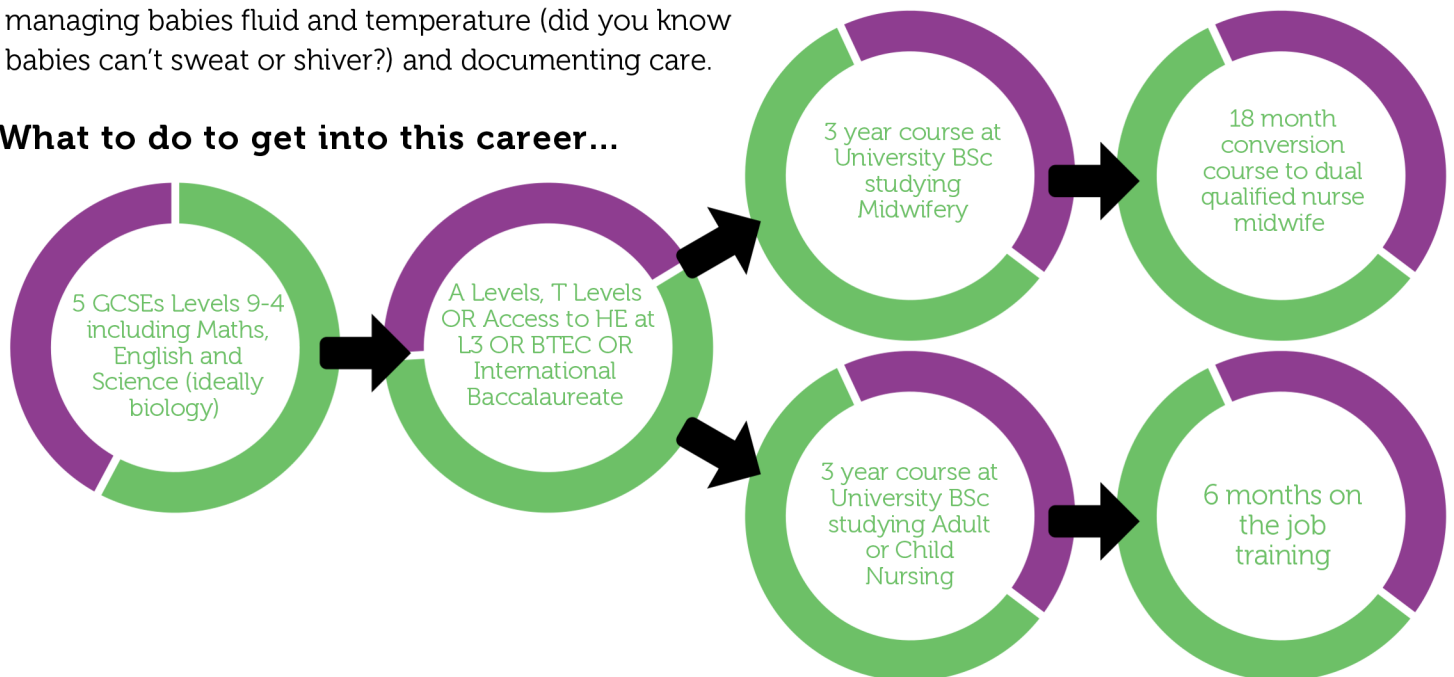
New-born babies cannot produce tears, they cry but their tear ducts only produce enough to protect their eyes. You can expect a baby to start full-blown, red-faced and water-works crying after 1-3 months.

As a neonatal nurse you will provide care for babies who are born premature or with birth defects, infections or cardiac malfunctions. Babies are born at any time of day or night and poorly babies require around-the-clock-care, so this is a 24 hour role. You'll work rotating shifts in the intensive, high dependency and special care units. A neonatal nurse is directly involved in a babies care shortly after birth but you could be helping children up to 2 years of age if they have longer term health problems.

New-born babies often suffer from respiratory difficulties or nutritional needs, sometimes requiring resuscitation. You'll be part of the team that helps to save young babies lives! You'll also support parents through an anxious, worrying and stressful time for them, facilitating and actively encouraging them to care for their baby. Day-to-day tasks will involve preparing and checking medication, managing babies fluid and temperature (did you know babies can't sweat or shiver?) and documenting care.



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