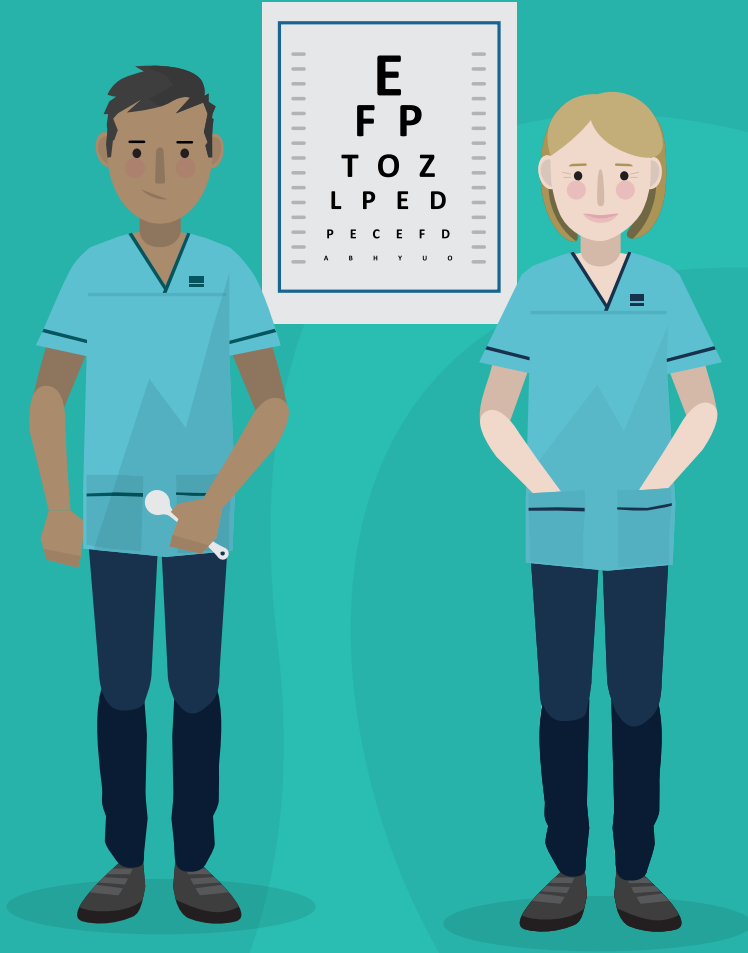


Introducing

Orthoptist

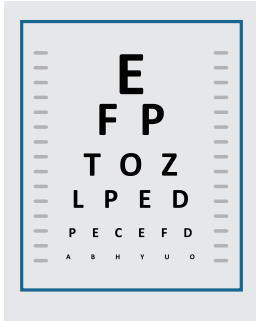


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About the role

Orthoptists care for people of all ages. They assess and manage a range of eye problems, such as reduced vision, double vision and childhood visual problems.

“As an orthoptist, I see babies, children, young people and adults with visual difficulties. I carry out lots of different tests to check how well the patient’s eyes are working together. Being able to help improve their visual impairment is the most rewarding thing about my job.”

– Orthoptist

Did you know?

There are around 1,400 registered orthoptists in the UK⁽¹⁾ and more than 100 working in the NHS in Scotland.⁽²⁾

→ How to pursue this role

You can get into this career through an Orthoptics undergraduate degree programme. You’ll then need to register with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

☆ Top skills:

- caring for people
- communicating with people
- problem-solving skills
- working in a team
- working accurately
- helping people

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