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Prosthetist



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About the role

Prosthetists design and create artificial limbs for people who need them. They treat, support and care for patients who have arms or legs missing at birth, and those who lose limbs through accident, injury or amputation.

“It’s a great feeling seeing people walking for the first time after their prosthesis has been fitted, helping them regain their mobility and physical fitness.”

– *Prosthetist*

Did you know?

There are over 1,000 registered prosthetists and orthotists in the UK⁽¹⁾ and more than 30 prosthetists working in the NHS in Scotland.⁽²⁾ Some prosthetists work for other organisations that provide NHS services.

→ How to pursue this role

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

☆ Top skills:

- caring for people
- working in a team
- communicating with people
- problem-solving skills
- persuading and motivating people
- critical thinking skills

References:

1. Health and Care Professions Council, registrant data, September 2020
2. Turas Data Intelligence, NHSScotland workforce data, June 2020

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