

FIT TO BE A DOCTOR?

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An ASIS Careers Test

THE BENCHMARK TEST FOR STUDENTS CONSIDERING A CAREER IN MEDICINE

Find out if you have the skills and aptitude to become a doctor



WHAT IS FIT TO BE A DOCTOR?

Fit to be a Doctor? is a new careers advisory test designed for 14 – 18 year olds considering a career in medicine. It examines both the academic and non-academic skills which medical schools look for when recruiting student doctors. Every year thousands of young people apply to study medicine in the UK, the United States and on English-speaking courses worldwide. However, many of these candidates are unsuccessful in gaining a place.

Fit to be a Doctor? analyses candidates' individual strengths and highlights areas of personal development where there is room for improvement. The test is delivered online over 90 minutes using technology supplied by our partners, Pearson Vue, at approved centres across the world. Candidates receive their scores and detailed feedback 48 hours after taking the test.

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HOW DOES FIT TO BE A DOCTOR? BENEFIT STUDENTS?

- It diagnoses your strengths and weaknesses at an early stage
- It helps you decide on your examination and career choices
- It enables you to identify areas where you need to improve
- You can use the test on your CV to showcase your talents
- Taking Fit to be a Doctor? also helps demonstrate your general commitment to studying medicine and your ability to study in English.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE FIT TO BE A DOCTOR? TEST?

- Students considering whether they wish to study medicine or other science-based qualifications, such as pharmacology or medical research.
- Younger students deciding which subjects to continue at A level or equivalent
- Senior students preparing applications to medical school or university
- Students who have previously taken Fit to be a Doctor? and wish to check on their progress

After completing Fit to be a Doctor? candidates will receive three months free access to video content from key lectures of The Royal Society of Medicine. There are over 500 of these available online. They are normally only accessible through full Society membership.



WHAT SKILLS ARE MEASURED BY FIT TO BE A DOCTOR?

NON- ACADEMIC SKILLS

As a doctor, non-academic skills such as communication, empathy and teamwork, are as important as academic ability. A vast range of attributes are required due to the multifaceted nature of a doctor's role. Fit to be a Doctor? will test you on these essential qualities, including the following:

- Your ability to communicate effectively with patients and colleagues and to work in a team
- Your organisation skills and your capacity to work under pressure
- Your attitude to patients with emphasis on empathy, compassion and maintaining safety and dignity
- Your honesty, integrity and willingness to take responsibility for your mistakes
- The ability to reflect, encouraging personal and professional development



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ACADEMIC SKILLS

A major part of being a doctor involves diagnosis. As well as examining your problem-solving skills, creative and lateral thinking, Fit to be a Doctor? will also test your competency at analysing information in various formats. The test measures your capacity to:

- Adopt an inquisitive approach to elicit signs and symptoms from a patient
- Extract and utilise information from a clinical encounter, combining it with a vast knowledge base to consider a variety of different diseases
- Question multiple hypotheses before settling on the most likely diagnosis
- Constantly update and analyse additional information from investigations to re-evaluate the initial diagnosis
- Critically appraise findings from research papers to ensure that they are providing patients with optimal medical care



THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

The Royal Society of Medicine, formed over 200 years ago, is a leading provider of high-quality continuing postgraduate education and learning to the medical profession, encompassing over 50 medical specialties. Its mission is to advance health, through education and innovation. Increasingly, the Society provides extensive online resources to its members who are based around the world. This includes access to full text e-journals, medical databases, e-books and videos of key lectures from conferences held at the RSM. The Society actively encourages and supports all those entering medicine and aims to be a significant provider of education to the wider healthcare team.



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THE MEDIC PORTAL

The Medic Portal is the definitive resource and training provider for aspiring medics and those that advise them. Officially partnered with the RSM, it is the UK's leading platform for those applying to get into Medicine, providing the tools and support to enable students to have the best chance of accessing this competitive, yet incredibly rewarding career. With a team composed of practising doctors and full-time education professionals, The Medic Portal engages with 350,000+ students per year, using unique online learning materials and in-person courses. They have developed an outstanding reputation in the 'Get into Medical School' field and work with leading schools such as Eton, Harrow, Winchester College and Cheltenham Ladies College, providing their entire Medical School preparation series every year.



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ASIS is a UK-based education services company, the developers of the British Universities and Secondary Schools Achievement Tests (BUSSATs) and a series of career advisory tests. We work in partnership with Pearson VUE, the world's leading computer-based testing organisation, which provides the technology platforms for all our tests. Other career tests in development include, Fit to be a Lawyer?, Fit to be an Engineer? Fit to be an Entrepreneur? and Fit to be in Finance/Banking? All of these tests are in association with leading professional bodies.



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You will receive your results and a detailed feedback form outlining your test performance 48 hours after you have taken it.
You will also receive a Fit to be a Doctor? certificate.

