



Beat the competition to your dream job

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Next steps in Training, Employment and Education

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“It’s only a game”- said no full blooded sports fan ever! Some people ‘live and breathe’ the sport they love but can you make a career out of it? For the vast majority of us ‘mere mortals’ the chances are that we would not make the grade as competitors but there are many careers opportunities which allow you to be part of the process of making champions. This edition looks at some of the careers which help to care for, develop and refine the stars of the future.



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Which careers are related to sports?...

Sport is a massive global business which needs a vast array of people to support those competing. These roles include the coaches, talent scouts, the scientists, the media, public relations, business managers, media, sales persons, merchandising, psychologists, doctors, physiotherapists, nutritionists, ground staff, security etc

The physiotherapist...

[\[source\]](#)

What would I do?

- examining and diagnosing injuries
- planning treatment programmes
- using methods like manipulation, massage and electrotherapy
- giving advice on how to avoid sports injuries
- keeping records of patient's treatment and progress
- giving accurate timescales for when players may be able to play again

Which skills do I need?

- sensitivity and understanding
- to enjoy working with other people
- customer service skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- analytical thinking skills
- counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach
- to be flexible and open to change
- knowledge of psychology
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
- good understanding of sports training methods

Which qualifications do I need?

You will need a university based qualification either through a...

- degree approved by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (see screenshot for northern unis doing these!)
- biology / sports science/ psychology based degree with a 2 year postgraduate course
- degree apprenticeship after obtaining an A level in Biology (and 1-2 other subjects)

You will also need some work experience in order to be taken seriously in your application and to pass enhanced background checks. Work experience with your local amateur team would help.

- ▶ [University of Bradford](#) (B56)
- ▶ [University of Central Lancashire](#) (C30)
- ▶ [University of Cumbria](#) (C99)
- ▶ [University of Huddersfield](#) (H60)
- ▶ [Keele University](#) (K12)
- ▶ [Leeds Beckett University](#) (L27)
- ▶ [University of Liverpool](#) (L41)
- ▶ [Manchester Metropolitan University](#) (M40)
- ▶ [Northumbria University](#) (N77)
- ▶ [Sheffield Hallam University](#) (S21)
- ▶ [University of Salford](#) (S03)
- ▶ [Teesside University](#) (T20)
- ▶ [York St John University](#) (Y75)

What would I get paid?

£23,000 to £45,000 but top clubs will pay much more for the right candidate.



The sports coach...

[Source]

What would I do?

If you're working with schools and community groups, you'll:

- plan fun, engaging coaching activities, sessions and programmes in a safe environment
- give feedback on performance and help to improve technique
- work with young people, schools, community groups and sports organisations to promote the sport

If you're working with young people involved in competitive sport, you'll:

- design basic training programmes
- work on developing more advanced techniques and tactics
- support performers at events and competitions

If coaching at national or international level you'll:

- design challenging and varied training programmes
- monitor the physical condition and mental attitude of the people you coach
- work with experts in sport like sports scientists, nutritionists, physiotherapists and programme managers
- mentor other coaches

Which skills do I need?

- leadership skills
- the ability to teach pupils how to do something
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to monitor your own performance and that of your colleagues
- excellent verbal communication skills
- knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to use your initiative
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
- knowledge of first aid

Which qualifications do I need?

You can get into this career via a range of methods...

- university course (foundation degree, higher national diploma or degree in sports coaching and development/ sports and exercise science/ sports studies/ physical education)
- College- level 3 Diploma for coaching in a specific sport.
- .Advanced apprenticeship in sports coaching
- Work based via a professional coaching qualification recognised by the [national governing body for the relevant sport](#).
- Volunteering as an [assistant sports coach](#).

What would I get paid?

£14,000 to £35,000 but top clubs will pay much more for the right candidate.

The sports commentator...

[\[Source\]](#)

What would I do?

- preparing for an event by researching clubs or players
- working with a production team
- taking direction from a producer
- interviewing sports professionals
- commentating on events before, during and after the fixture
- working with experts who give their opinion or statistics

- updating your website, blog or social media feed

Which skills do I need?

- knowledge of media production and communication
- knowledge of English language
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- to be flexible and open to change
- knowledge of computer operating systems, hardware and software
- the ability to use your initiative
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
- sports knowledge

Which qualifications do I need?

You can get into this career via a range of methods but there are no specific requirements...

- university courses like journalism/ sports journalism/ sports business and broadcasting
- .Advanced apprenticeship as a junior journalist
- Work or volunteering commentating at a local level

What would I get paid?

£13,000 to £80,000.

The sports agent...

[Source]

What would I do?

- scouting for new and talented athletes and players at sports matches and events
- finding opportunities with organisations for athletes and players
- managing your client's marketing and endorsement activities
- representing your client if there's a dispute with the organisation that employs them
- acting as a media spokesperson for your client
- handling contract and salary packages
- supporting your clients during times of personal difficulty, loss of form or when they're under pressure

Which skills do I need?

- customer service skills
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- the ability to sell products and services
- the ability to use your initiative
- persistence and determination
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- ambition and a desire to succeed
- excellent verbal communication skills

- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Which qualifications do I need?

You can get into this career via a range of methods but there are no specific requirements...To get started, most agents usually have:

- work experience with a sports agency – you can contact agencies to see if there are voluntary placements or internships available
- contacts within sport – you can build up your contacts by watching games and matches and getting to know club officials, players, and their parents and friends
- legal knowledge – a lot of your work will involve looking over legal contracts, so you'll need a good understanding of contract law, and it may help if you're a trained solicitor
- business knowledge – this is very important to the role, so you may also find it useful to study for a degree or postgraduate course in international sports management or business management

What would I get paid?

Highly variable so no range given!



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Apprenticeships:

[All apprenticeships within a 5 mile radius of Turton](#)

Click on the link to explore all 112 of them!!

Careers Events:

For Yr13s: Do you fancy a year in industry before you do your degree?

These excellent placement opportunities will start this August/September (for 12 months) and are ideal for Year 13 students interested in gaining relevant **paid**

work experience in the following subject areas, before starting their degree or apprenticeship;

- **Business, HR or Finance**
- **Computing or Software**
- **Maths or Physics/Science**
- **Engineering (civil, electronics/electrical or mechanical)**

What do students need to do?

Register online via the YINI Website*:

<http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry/apply-now>

It's **free for students to register and the simple online form takes about 10 minutes to complete.*

Work experience for medicine (London (or outside UK) based though!!):

<https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/medicine-work-experience-day-event/>

Higher Education Open Days:

Saturday 11 May 2019

[Bath College](#)

[Royal Veterinary College](#)

Monday 13 May 2019

[Basingstoke College of Technology](#)

Tuesday 14 May 2019

[Askham Bryan College](#)

[Southampton City College](#)
[University of Derby](#)
[University of the Highlands and Islands](#)

Wednesday 15 May 2019

[Buckinghamshire New University](#)
[Manchester Metropolitan University](#)
[Newman University](#)
[University Centre Farnborough](#)
[University of Brighton](#)
[University of London](#)

Thursday 16 May 2019

[London Metropolitan University](#)
[London Metropolitan University](#)

Saturday 18 May 2019

[Richmond, the American International University](#)
[University of Lincoln](#)
[London Metropolitan University](#)

Wednesday 22 May 2019

[Anglia Ruskin University](#)
[Brunel University London](#)
[Sheffield Hallam University](#)

[University of Greenwich](#)
[University of Roehampton](#)
[Falmouth University](#)
[Royal Veterinary College](#)
[SOAS University of London](#)
[SRUC](#)
[UCFB](#)
[University of Buckingham](#)
[University of Roehampton](#)

Thursday 30 May 2019

[London College of Communication](#)

[University of Exeter](#)

Friday 31 May 2019:

[University of Exeter](#)