

# Healthcare Science Career of the Week

## Operating Department Practitioner

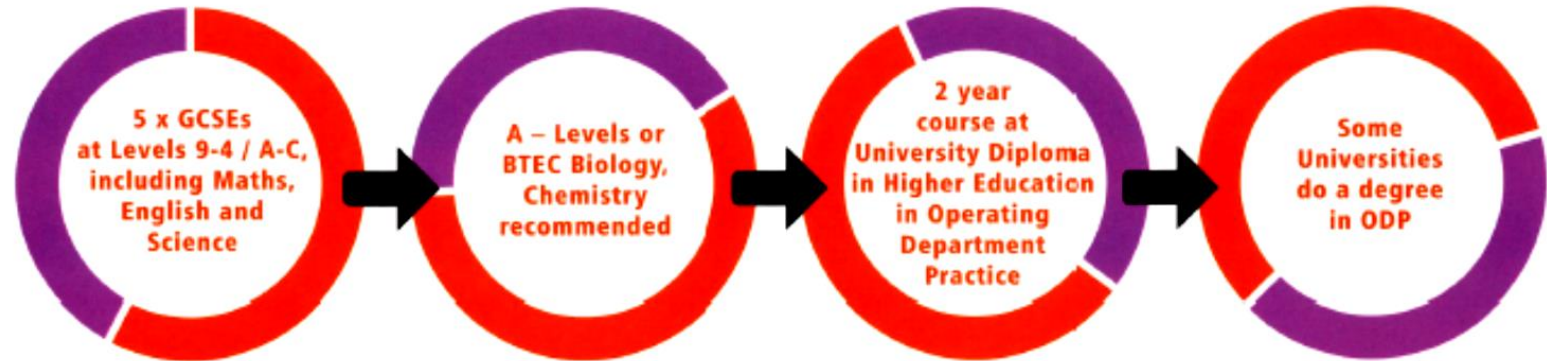
**AMAZING FACT:** You get to work in a surgery team and go into surgery. Yes, you read that right, YOU GET TO GO INTO SURGERY!!!

An ODP is part of the operating team and work in surgical theatres. They work with patients in the anaesthetic phase, surgical phase and recovery phase. There are a load of different jobs they can do from infection control to passing the surgical instruments out and then count them back in – don't leave them in the patient!



After surgery an ODP can be involved in wound care, making sure the patient is recovering well and there is no risk of infection. This is such an important role and they have to work as part of a wide clinical team.

### What to do to get into this career...



### Have you Considered?

An ODP is heavily involved with patient care throughout surgery, so if working with patients is something you are really interested in, you should check out all of the Physiology careers as well.

**AMAZING FACT:** At the time of writing you could study for 2 years and qualify with a Diploma in Higher Education or study for 3 years for a Bachelor of Science Degree.