



Competencies for Food Graduate Careers

Nutritional Graduate Role

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The emphasis here is that the role will be nutritionally focussed rather than based in development, laboratories or product improvements. More of an advisory role and likely to be pan-site/business or based in a head office.

Some advertised roles may be not graduate entry (so don't require a suitable degree qualification). Explore requirements & detail of each advertisement to find what suits you.



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Typical Role Names

Nutritionist
Nutritional Analyst
Nutritional Scientist

There are standards for the technical content of UK Food Sciences degrees; but there are more aspects you can develop to support success in the workplace. Industry have outlined what they think may be the most valuable additional skills, knowledge and behaviours for 14 typical graduate roles & this is one of them.

So, what is desirable for a Nutritional Role?

Desirable Elements for this Role

Academic expertise	Networking and Relationship Building
Collaboration	Professionalism
Cultural Sensitivity	Questioning Approach
Emotional Intelligence	Self-Development
Listening	Specific Technical Aspects
Open-Minded	Thoroughness and Attention to Detail
Passion for Subject	Verbal Communication

This material has been developed with industry involvement to support graduates, employers and degree educators. <https://www.ifst.org/resources/competencies-food-graduate-careers>

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