Specifications or Quality Systems Technologist

The role will be largely desk-based and not in the factory. May work on specifications with specific customers or raw materials. Could be working on codes of practice or quality systems for the factory. The roles could be in food manufacturing sites, technical centres, in food service or at a retailer. 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.

Typical Role Names

- Specifications Technologist
- Quality Systems Technologist
- Vendor Assurance Technologist
- Technical Officer
- Food Technologist

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.

Desirable Elements for this Role

- Application of IT
- Collaboration
- Confidence
- Digital Capability
- English Proficiency
- Handling Data
- Personal Responsibility
- Planning and Organising
- Reliability
- Thoroughness and Attention to Detail
- Values and Credibility
- Written Communication

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