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CATERER



“ The job gives me the satisfaction and flexibility to work and train others in a busy environment. Catering is vitally important in aiding patients’ recovery. ”

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Catering services play a vital role in patients' recovery. Good food, served in a caring manner, can have a positive effect on a patient's hospital experience. The catering team supports the delivery of basic care services by providing tasty and nutritious food and helping clinical teams to meet the individual needs of patients.

Catering in the health service is a diverse area, with many different avenues and associated responsibilities. Jobs range from head chef in a busy kitchen, to a ward housekeeper whose duties involve ensuring that patients have the right food to meet their needs. They may involve providing food for patients, some of whom may have very specific dietary requirements, or for the thousands of staff and visitors who pass through the doors of the NHS every day.

### Entry Requirements:

For many posts there are no minimum national entry requirements, although chefs and head chefs need City & Guilds Certificates 7061, 7062 or 7063 or a relevant NVQ. However, it may be possible to join as an assistant chef or catering assistant and to obtain the necessary qualifications after further experience and training. Catering Assistants are part of a team committed to ensuring that food and drink is nutritious, appetising and appropriate for patients' medical and cultural needs.

### How to Apply:

Directly to Trusts in response to job recruitment adverts in the local press, on the Belfast Telegraph website and through Job Centres.

Consult the prospectus of your local college of further/higher education for full details of available courses.

### Web Links:

Further Education in NI - [www.femeansbusiness.com](http://www.femeansbusiness.com)

Belfast Telegraph – [www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk)

Job Centre Online – [www.jobcentreonline.com](http://www.jobcentreonline.com)

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