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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Required Education** | Bachelor's degree; master's degree preferred by many employers | | **Required Job Skills** | Effective communication, self-motivation, ability to handle stress |  Healthcare Consultant: Job Description, Duties and Requirements |
| Job Requirements  The education requirements for a healthcare consultant **vary** based on the employer. Generally, the minimum amount of education needed is a bachelor's degree. Many employers prefer healthcare consultants with a master's degree, especially in **private** **industries**. Students interested in becoming healthcare consultants **pick** majors in management, marketing, economics, human resources or business. Additionally, choosing a minor or a specialization in healthcare is suggested.  According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), a healthcare consultant must be **self-motivated** and work with **minimal** supervision since employers expect them to be experts at improving an organization. Having effective communication skills is needed to clearly express improvement ideas with a customer. The ability to **handle** stress and act responsibility is important, especially when healthcare consultants **acquire** more experience and are placed in charge of specific projects. |

1. **Vary**; *verb*- differs in size, amount, degree, or nature from something else of the same general class.

2. **Private industry**; *noun-*the part of the economy that is controlled by individuals or private organizations and is not funded by the government.

3. **To pick**; *verb-* choose (someone or something) from a number of alternatives.

4. **self-motivated**; *adjective*- motivated to do or achieve something because of one's own enthusiasm or interest, without needing pressure from others.

5. **Minimal;** *adjective*- of a minimum amount, quantity, or degree.

6. **To handle**; *verb-* manage (a situation or problem).

7. **Acquire**; *verb-* learn or develop (a skill, habit, or quality).