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# **Podiatry assistant**

Podiatry assistants treat and care for people whose feet and legs have been affected by injury or illness. Their work helps people live full and independent lives.

## Working life

Podiatry assistants are sometimes known as footcare assistants and treat people of all ages with a variety of conditions. For example:

- children with lower limb pain or problems walking
- diabetes sufferers with circulation problems who may be at risk of amputation
- elderly people
- people with sports injuries
- dancers whose long hours of rehearsing and performing put stress on their feet causing injury
- people needing minor procedures such as nail surgery or laser treatment, using local anaesthetic
- · people wanting advice about footwear or foot health

podiatry assitant with patient

As a podiatry assistant, your work will include

- cutting, filing and drilling toenails
- · applying dressings and treatments
- booking appointments and other admin work
- · taking insole templates
- advising patients and their carers on foot health and footwear

## Where will I work?

In the NHS, you will work in hospital departments, clinics, health centres or GPs surgeries. Some podiatry assistants visit clients who cannot leave home or are in a nursing home.

Apprenticeships logo

Some podiatry assistants work in private clinics or footcare centres.

## **Entry requirements**

There are no set entry requirements to become a podiatry assistant. Employers expect good literacy and numeracy and may ask for GCSEs, or equivalent. They may ask for an NVQ, BTEC or equivalent qualification in health and social care or healthcare.

Employers often ask for relevant work experience. Even where this is not specified, it would be an advantage if you have worked in health or social care, either in paid employment or voluntary work.

## Personal characteristics and skills needed

Podiatry assistants need to be

- willing to handle other people's feet
- calm and reassuring
- · caring and dedicated
- able to follow procedures and instructions
- · willing to work alone or in a team
- · able to explain treatment to patients

You'll also need

Podiatry assistants are also known as footcare assistants.

- good manual (hand) skills
- organisation skills
- · communication skills
- · customer service skills

## Training and development

You will get the training you need to work as a podiatry assistant. This includes:

- diseases and conditions of the skin and nails
- anatomy and physiology [1]
- conditions of the feet and legs
- nail operations

You may also have the opportunity to do an apprenticeship.

Some podiatry assistants join the <u>Royal College of Podiatry</u> [2] as associate members. They runs courses, conferences and seminars where podiatry assistants can update their skills and network with others doing similar work. You could apply to train as a podiatrist.

## Pay and benefits

Your standard working week will be around 37.5 hours and may include a mix of shifts, such as nights, early starts, evenings and weekends. You'll be paid on the Agenda for Change (AFC [3]) pay system, typically starting on band 2 or 3.

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### Podiatry Assistant

Guildford, GU2 7XX

Salary:

£26240.00 to £27928.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

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## Therapy Assistant Practitioner Podiatry

Guildford, GU2 7XX

Salary:

£28860.00 to £31671.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

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## Podiatry Apprentice

St Albans, AL4 9XR

Salary:

£27485.00 to £30162.00

Type:

Apprenticeship

Employer:

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

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## Specialist Podiatrist - Musculoskeletal Podiatry

Port Talbot, SA12 7BJ

Salary:

£37898.00 to £45637.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Swansea Bay University Health Board

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## Podiatry clinical support worker

Torquay, TQ2 5YH

Salary:

£24071.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Assistant Practitioner / Trainee Assistant Practitioner

Workington, CA14 2RW

Salary:

£27485.00 to £30162.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

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## Bank Children's Support Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Tadworth, KT20 5RU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

The Children's Trust

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#### Theatre Assistant

Oldham, OL2 6QW

Salary:

£27601.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HealthHarmonie

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#### Care Assistant

Farmoor, OX2 9NL

Salary:

£12.85

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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#### Care Assistant

Rendlesham, IP12 2TP

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Weybridge, KT13 8DW

Salary:

£13.00 to £15.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Phoenix Family Practice

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#### Domestic Assistant

West Denton, NE5 5AY

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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#### Kitchen Assistant

Deckham, NE8 3SA

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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### Domestic Assistant

Acresford, DE12 8AP

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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#### Kitchen Assistant

Hinckley, LE10 0EH

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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## Housekeeping Assistant

Bournemouth, BH4 9DR

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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#### Healthcare Assistant

Ledbury, HR8 1HB

Salary:

£25057.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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#### Healthcare Assistant

Woodhall Spa, LN10 6SQ

Lincoln, LN3 5SU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Woodhall Spa New Surgery

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#### Kitchen Assistant

Headingly, LS6 2BG

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [22]

#### Care Assistant

Rugby, CV21 3FE

Salary:

£12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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#### Care Assistant

Rugeley, WS15 2EJ

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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#### Activities Assistant

Beckenham, BR3 3FH

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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## Housekeeping Assistant

Hatfield, AL10 0DJ

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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### GP Assistant

Ilminster, TA19 9RX Ilminster, TA19 9FE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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## Housekeeping Assistant

Virgina Water, GU25 4BE

Salary:

£12.55

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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#### Kitchen Assistant

Chertsey, KT16 9FS

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

#### Care Assistant

London, SW19 6AB

Salary:

£13.35

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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#### Finance Assistant

Southampton, SO40 2RZ

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Finance Assistant job (opens in a new window) [31]

#### Domestic Assistant

Rubery, Birmingham, B45 9BE

Salary:

£19457.49

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Summerhill Services Limited

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#### Healthcare Assistant

Bristol, BS32 4TU

Bristol, BS4 1WH

Bristol, BS5 6SA

Weston-super-mare, BS24 7PR

Bristol, BS34 6BQ

Bristol, BS6 5PT

Swindon, SN1 2DQ

Gloucester, GL4 4BL

Stroud, GL5 2HY

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Stroud, GL5 3BS
 Salary:
       £13.20
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       GP Care UK Limited
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    Healthcare Assistant

 Leek, ST13 5LW
 Salary:
       £25058.00
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Elysium Healthcare
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Catering Assistant
 Darlington, DL3 6HX
 Salary:
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£23874.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

CDD Services (Synchronicity Care Ltd)

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Catering Assistant job (opens in a new window) [35]

## Assistant Psychologist

Taunton, TA1 5DA Yeovil, BA21 4AT

Salary:

£31049.00 to £37796.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

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#### Domestic Assistant

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Durham, DH1 5TW

Salary:
£23874.00

Type:
Permanent

Employer:
CDD Services (Synchronicity Care Ltd)

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [37]
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Bristol, BS32 4TU
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Bristol, BS6 5PT
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Gloucester, GL4 4BL
Stroud, GL5 2HY
Stroud, GL5 3BS
Salary:
     £13.20
Type:
     Permanent
Employer:
     GP Care UK Limited
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## Assistant Psychologist

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Hull, HU16 5JQ

Salary:
£25147.00 to £27596.00

Type:
Fixed-Term

Employer:
Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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Swansea, SA4 3ED
Salary:
Negotiable
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Type:

Permanent Employer:

**Estuary Group Practice** 

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## Catering Assistant

Dawlish, EX7 0NR

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

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## Sonographer Assistant

Brent, HA9 0GL

Salary:

£12.21

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cora Health Group Limited

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#### Care Assistant

Chorleywood, WD3 5TQ

Salary:

£12.50 to £12.75

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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#### Care Assistant

Nuthall, NG8 6AX

Salary:

£12.27

Type:

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Permanent
 Employer:
       Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.
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Care Assistant
 Chorleywood, WD3 5TQ
 Salary:
       £12.50 to £12.75
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.
 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [42]
Kitchen Assistant
 Walstead, RH16 2QG
 Salary:
       £12.21
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Aria Care
 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [44]
Care Assistant
 Fishcross, FK10 3GN
 Salary:
       £12.60
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Aria Care
 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [45]

    Care Assistant

 Barnet, EN5 4BS
 Salary:
       £12.60
 Type:
       Permanent
  Employer:
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Preston, PR1 5AB

Salary:

£24669.00 to £28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

**Practice Plus Group** 

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#### Healthcare Assistant

Northampton, NN5 6UD

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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## Hospitality Assistant

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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### Housekeeping Assistant

Eastbourne, BN20 9AN

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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#### Assistant Administrator

High Kelling, NR25 6QA

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Administrator job (opens in a new window)

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## Radiographic Assistant

Brighton, BN1 9BL

Salary:

£24000.00 to £26000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Medical Imaging Partnership Ltd

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## Hospitality Assistant

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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#### Care Assistant

Nuthall, NG8 6AX

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£12.27

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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#### Care Assistant

Knowle, B93 9LQ

Salary:

£12.35

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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## Hospitality Assistant

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospitality Assistant job (opens in a new window) [54]

## Catering Assistant

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Catering Assistant job (opens in a new window) [55]

#### Rehabilitation Assistant

Manchester, M16 7AP

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Rehabilitation Assistant job (opens in a new window)

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## Physiotherapy Assistant

Warwick, CV34 6SR

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust

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