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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 Apprentice

Warminster, BA12 8QS

Salary:

£23875.00 to £26712.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

HCRG Care Group

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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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(opens in a new window) [5]

Podiatry Appointments/Clerical Officer

Port Talbot, SA12 7BJ

Salary:

£23970.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Swansea Bay University Health Board

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Specialist Podiatrist - Musculoskeletal Podiatry

Swansea, SA1 5AT

Salary:

£37898.00 to £45637.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Swansea Bay University Health Board

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Podiatry MSK Specialist Practitioner

Hertford, SG14 1DX

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

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Extended Scope Podiatrist, Biomechanics & Podiatry

Hackney, E8 4SA

Salary:

£47411.00 to £54857.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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Advanced Podiatry Practitioner MSK Advanced Practice Service (MSKAPS)

Gloucester, GL1 2DB

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Practice Service (MSKAPS) job (opens in a new window) [10]

o Podiatry Team Lead - Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale Locality

Scarborough, YO12 4AD

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Team Lead - Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale Locality job (opens in a new window) [11]

Senior Healthcare Assistant / Healthcare Assistant

Esher, KT10 8NA

Salary:

£25000.00 to £27000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Princess Alice Hospice

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Community Assistant Practitioner/Senior Rehabilitation Assistant

Manchester, M9 4DD

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

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Assistant Chaplain/Assistant Pastoral Support Worker

Maghull, L31 1HW

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Bank

Employer:

Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Healthcare Assistant

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LS

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Care Assistant

Auchtermuchty, KY14 7FG

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Healthcare Assistant

Portsmouth, PO1 4JT Portsmouth, PO1 3DU Southsea, PO4 8TA

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

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Permanent
 Employer:
       Island City Practice
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    Healthcare Assistant

 Wales, NP22 5NF
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       £12.60
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Cygnet Health Care
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    Theatre Assistant

 Oldham, OL2 6QW
 Salary:
       £27601.00
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       HealthHarmonie
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    Hospitality Assistant

 Bosham, PO18 8PN
 Salary:
       £12.35
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Aria Care
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    Healthcare Assistant

 Stevenage, SG1 3HT
 Stevenage, SG2 7QX
 Salary:
       Negotiable
 Type:
       Permanent
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Employer:
       King George Surgery
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    Care Assistant

 Liss, GU33 7RR
 Salary:
       £12.60
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Aria Care
 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [22]

    Healthcare Assistant

 Goole, DN14 6JD
 Goole, DN14 6JD
 Salary:
       Negotiable
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       SSP Health
 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [23]

    Healthcare Assistant

 London, NW10 5UY
 Salary:
       Negotiable
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Primary Care Management Solutions Ltd
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    Care Assistant

 Farmoor, OX2 9NL
 Salary:
       £12.85
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
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Chipping Campden, GL55 6DR

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Kitchen Assistant

Rendlesham, IP12 2TP

Salary:

£12.21

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Catering Assistant

Bridport, DT6 5DR

Salary:

£19979.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

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Executive Assistant

York, YO62 5HD

Salary:

£30000.00 to £36000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Helmsley Medical Centre

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Patient Assistant

London, E1 0LS

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Jubilee Street Practice

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Patient Assistant job (opens in a new window) [30]

Healthcare Assistant

Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0NZ

Salary:

£28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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Pharmacy Assistant

Oakham, LE15 7RD

Salary:

£28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Assistant job (opens in a new window) [32]

Healthcare Assistant

Clacton-on-Sea, CO14 8JU

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Nursing Assistant

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Hull, HU3 2JZ
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Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Care Assistant

St Peter, JE3 7HQ

Salary:

£15.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Kitchen Assistant

Wootton, PO33 4RW

Salary:

£12.21

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Care Assistant

Rendlesham, IP12 2TP

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [37]

Farmoor, OX2 9NL

Salary:

£12.85

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Patient Assistant

London, E1 0LS

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Jubilee Street Practice

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Patient Assistant job (opens in a new window) [30]

Pharmacy Assistant

Oakham, LE15 7RD

Salary:

£28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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Care Assistant

Elstree, WD6 3RG

Salary:

£12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Assistant Practitioner

Steppingley, Bedford, MK45 1AB

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East London NHS Foundation Trust

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Assistant Psychologist

Bournemouth, BH10 4EU

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [40]

Assistant Psychologist

Bournemouth, BH10 4EU

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [40]

Kitchen Assistant

Wolverhampton, WV11 1UH

Salary:

£26208.00 to £26832.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cygnet Health Care

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Administrative Assistant

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Winchester, SO22 5JH

Salary:
£12.65

Type:
Permanent

Employer:
Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

Nuthall, NG8 6AX

Salary:

[42]

£12.27

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Healthcare Assistant

Worksop, S80 4BX

Salary:

£25058.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Care Assistant

Sompting, BN15 0DA

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Dereham, NR19 2PG

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Healthcare Assistant

London, WC1X 0GB

Salary:

£25000.00 to £30000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Amwell Group Practice

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Physiotherapy Assistant

Blandford Forum, DT11 7DD

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

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[48]

Domestic Assistant

Runcorn, WA7 2DA

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHSFT

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Domestic Assistant

Runcorn, WA7 2DA

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHSFT

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Care Assistant

Taunton, TA4 1AB

Salary:

£12.80

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [50]

Healthcare Assistant

Leeds, LS14 6GG

Salary:

£12.72

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Foundry Lane Surgery

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Pharmacy Assistant

Lewes, BN7 1EA

Salary:

£24669.00 to £28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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Healthcare Assistant

Reading, RG4 5LE

Salary:

£25057.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Care Assistant

Alloa, FK10 3JZ

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Kitchen Assistant

Towcester, NN12 6HR

Salary:

£12.21

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Healthcare Assistant

Chelmsford, CM1 3EH

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Primary Care Careers

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Sunningdale, SL5 9RL

Salary:

£12.85

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Laundry Assistant

Ilkley Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7QZ

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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