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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 pay system, typically starting on band 2 or 3.

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Podiatry Assistant

317 01 Freeman Hospital, NE7 7DN

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
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Podiatry Apprentice

Workington, CA14 2RW

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Apprenticeship

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation 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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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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Extended Scope Podiatrist, Biomechanics & Podiatry

Hackney, E8 4SA

Salary:

£47411.00 to £54857.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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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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Healthcare Assistant / GP Assistant / Nurse Associate - Somerset

South Petherton, TA13 5EG Martock, TA12 6JL

Salary:

£12.50 to £13.20

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Symphony Healthcare Services Limited

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Care Assistant

Peterborough, PE7 8SJ

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Island City Practice

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Healthcare Assistant

Kettering, NN16 8JZ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dryland Medical Centre

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Kitchen Assistant

Kingswood, BS15 4JW

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Healthcare Assistant

Wales, NP22 5NF

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cygnet Health Care

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Hospitality Assistant

Bosham, PO18 8PN

Salary:

£12.35

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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GP Assistant

Cheltenham, GL53 0LA

Cheltenham, GL52 6HS

Cheltenham, GL54 5GZ

Cheltenham, GL52 8RP

Cheltenham, GL52 7YU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cheltenham Peripheral Network

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Nursing Assistant

Dawlish, EX7 0NR

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

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Theatre Assistant

Oldham, OL2 6QW

Salary:

£27601.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Catering Assistant

Dawlish, EX7 0NR

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

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Healthcare Assistant

Stevenage, SG1 3HT Stevenage, SG2 7QX

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

King George Surgery

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Nursing Assistant

Dawlish, EX7 0NR

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

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Catering Assistant

Uxbridge, UB9 6JH

Salary:

£28720.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Clerical Assistant

Rotherham, S60 2UD

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

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Healthcare Assistant

Goole, DN14 6JD

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Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

SSP Health

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Assistant Practitioner

Carmarthen, SA31 2AF

Salary:

£26928.00 to £29551.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hywel Dda University Health Board

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Facilities Assistant

King's Lynn, PE30 4ET

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHSFT

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London, NW10 5UY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Primary Care Management Solutions Ltd

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Domestic Assistant

Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2SY

Salary:

£8107.29 to £24321.87

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Summerhill Services Limited

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

Care Assistant

Farmoor, OX2 9NL

Salary:

£12.85

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Care Assistant

Chipping Campden, GL55 6DR

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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Facilities Assistant

King's Lynn, PE30 4ET

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHSFT

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Clinical Assistant

Bristol, BS34 5TL

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

InHealth Group

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£8107.29 to £24321.87

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Summerhill Services Limited

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Healthcare Assistant

Kendal, LA9 6AA

Salary:

£26728.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Clacton-on-Sea, CO14 8JU

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Healthcare Assistant

Carlisle, CA3 8SY

Salary:

£24500.00 to £30335.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Humankind Charity

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Assistant Psychologist

Bournemouth, BH10 4EU

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

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Healthcare Assistant

Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0NZ

Salary:

£28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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Therapy Assistant

Theale, RG7 4AB

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sue Ryder

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Healthcare Assistant

Cirencester, GL7 1UY

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Nursing Assistant

Hull, HU3 2JZ

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

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Care Assistant

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

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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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Care Assistant

Aignan Way, TN8 5FA

Salary:

£13.15

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Personal Assistant

Prescot, L35 5DR

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Milton Keynes, MK6 5LS

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Activities Assistant

Stoke on Trent, ST2 0TN

Salary:

£25057.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Activities Assistant job (opens in a new window) [51]

Housekeeper Assistant

Ilkley Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7QZ

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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[52]

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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Housekeeping Assistant

London, SW19 6AB

Salary:

£12.75

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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

[56]

Healthcare Assistant

Chelmsford, CM1 3EH

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Primary Care Careers

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Care Assistant

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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