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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

Coxheath, ME17 4AH

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Apprenticeship

Employer:

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

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Administrator - Podiatry Team

Clevedon, BS21 6FW

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sirona care & health CIC

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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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Podiatry Deputy Clinic Manager

Oxford, OX2 8TA

Salary:

£31049.00 to £37796.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Oxford Health NHS Trust

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Podiatry Clinical Pathway Lead - Nail Surgery

Bristol, BS4 2UH

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sirona care & health CIC

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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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Healthcare Assistant

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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 Domestic Assistant Acresford, DE12 8AP Salary: £12.26 Type: Permanent Employer: Akari Care Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [14] GP Assistant Ilminster, TA19 9RX Ilminster, TA19 9FE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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Care Assistant

Rugeley, WS15 2EJ

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Housekeeping Assistant

Virgina Water, GU25 4BE

Salary:

£12.55

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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[17]

London, SW19 6AB

Salary:

£13.35

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.

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Healthcare Assistant

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LS

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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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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Barnet, EN5 4BS

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

Fishcross, FK10 3GN

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Healthcare Assistant

North Shields, NE29 0SF North Shields, NE29 6HT

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

North Shields Primary Care Network

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Housekeeping Assistant

Eastbourne, BN20 9AN

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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[25]

Theatre Assistant

Macclesfield, SK11 8DW

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Spire Healthcare Ltd

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Assistant Administrator

High Kelling, NR25 6QA

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS 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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Care Assistant

Nuthall, NG8 6AX

Salary:

£12.27

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Healthcare Assistant

Preston, PR1 5AB

Salary:

£24669.00 to £28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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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

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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) [33]

Therapy Assistant

Basingstoke, RG24 9NA

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Care Assistant

Beckenham, BR3 3FH

Salary:

£12.75

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

South Gosforth, NE3 1SY

Salary:

£12.70

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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Kitchen Assistant

Cowgate, NE5 3AB

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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Kitchen Assistant

Jesmond, NE2 1TL

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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Healthcare Assistant

Castleford, WF10 1PH

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Riverside Medical Centre

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Sonographer Assistant

Brent, HA9 0GL

Salary:

£12.21

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cora Health Group Limited

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[40]

Care Assistant

Sevenoaks, TN13 2PG

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Therapy Assistant

Chester, CH2 1UL

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Therapy Assistant job (opens in a new window) [42]

Administration Assistant

Droitwich, WR9 8RD

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

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

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Healthcare Assistant

Castleford, WF10 1PH

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Riverside Medical Centre

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Healthcare Assistant

Charlwood, RH6 0BN

Salary:

£25058.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Rehab Assistant

Tattenhall, CH3 9GA

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

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Brent, HA9 0GL

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£12.21

Type:

Permanent

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Type:

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Care Assistant

Sevenoaks, TN13 2PG

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Elstree, WD6 3RG

Salary:

£12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

Blackwater, GU17 9HS

Salary:

£12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

Epsom, KT18 5XA

Salary:

£12.75

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Administration Assistant

Droitwich, WR9 8RD

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

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Tattenhall, CH3 9GA

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership 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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Radiographic Assistant

Exeter, EX2 7JG

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Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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

[50]

Domestic Assistant

Sunderland, SR2 0NY

Salary:

£26101.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

City Hospitals Independent Commercial Enterprises Ltd (CHoICE)

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Sompting, BN15 0DA

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Care Assistant

Bassett, SO16 7AG

Salary:

£12.85

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Dispensing Assistant

Uttoxeter, ST14 7FN

Salary:

£12.79

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northgate Surgery

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

Assistant Psychologist

North Lincolnshire, DN15 6NU

Salary:

£27485.00 to £30162.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHSFT

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Healthcare Assistant

Doncaster, DN7 6EE

Salary:

£24669.00 to £28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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Dietetic Assistant

Wakefield, WF1 4DG

Salary:

£27485.00 to £30162.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust

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