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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.

You'll also have access to our generous pension scheme and health service discounts, as well as 27 days of annual leave, plus bank holidays, which increases the longer you're in service.

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Podiatry Footcare Assistant Apprenticeship

London, NW5 2TX

Salary: £30039.00 to £31088.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Footcare Assistant Apprenticeship job (opens in a new window) [4]

Orthotics Officer/Podiatry Assistant

Aberystwyth/Cardigan, SA43 1JX Salary: £24433.00 to £26060.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Hywel Dda University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Orthotics Officer/Podiatry Assistant job (opens in a new window) [5]

• Podiatry Apprentice

Chester, CH1 4DS Salary: £24071.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Apprentice job (opens in a new window) [6]

Specialist Podiatrist - Musculoskeletal Podiatry

Swansea, SA1 5AT

Salary:

£37898.00 to £45637.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Swansea Bay University Health Board

<u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Podiatrist - Musculoskeletal Podiatry job</u> (opens in a new window) [7]

Emergency Team Assistant / Healthcare Assistant

London, W6 8RF
Salary: £30039.00 to £31088.00
Туре:
Permanent
Employer:
Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Team Assistant / Healthcare Assistant job
(opens in a new window) [8]

Falls Rehabilitation Assistant/ Integrated Care Assistant

Harold Hill, RM39SU Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: NELFT North East London Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Falls Rehabilitation Assistant/ Integrated Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [9]

• Care Assistant

Kent, DA7 4BE Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [10]

• Care Assistant

DA14 6LF, DA14 6LF Salary: £11.55 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [11]

• Care Assistant

Peterborough, PE7 8SJ Salary: £12.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [12]

• Healthcare Assistant

Manchester, M16 9RT Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Ashville Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [13]

• Healthcare Assistant

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LS Salary: £25155.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Elysium Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [14]

• Healthcare Assistant

Clacton-on-Sea, CO14 8JU Salary: £25155.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Elysium Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [15]

• Kitchen Assistant

Marlborough, SN8 1JR Salary: £12.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [16]

• Kitchen Assistant

Sunninghill, SL5 9PR Salary: £12.45 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [17]

• Kitchen Assistant

Rendlesham, IP12 2TP Salary: £12.21 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [18]

• Care Assistant

Droitwich Spa, WR9 7SS

Salary: £12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [19]

• HR Assistant

York, YO26 4GG Salary: £26522.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Nimbuscare Ltd Apply now on NHS Jobs for HR Assistant job (opens in a new window) [20]

• Assistant Chef

Heathfield, TN21 8DR Salary: £13.20 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Chef job (opens in a new window) [21]

• Care Assistant

Southampton, SO30 3HP Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [22]

• Care Assistant

Auchtermuchty, KY14 7FG

Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [23]

• Care Assistant

Southampton, SO30 3HP

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

• Care Assistant

Auchtermuchty, KY14 7FG Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [23]

• Care Assistant

Banstead, SM7 3EF Purley, CR8 2HJ London, SE27 0RW Salary: £12.25 to £13.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Fairlie Healthcare Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [24]

• Care Assistant

Banstead, SM7 3EF Salary: £12.25 to £13.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Fairlie Healthcare Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [25]

• Healthcare Assistant

Hartlepool, TS27 4LQ Peterlee, SR8 5PU Seaham, SR7 8DY Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Blackhall and Peterlee Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [26]

• Care Assistant

Camberley, GU15 2LN Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer:

• Healthcare Assistant

Gatwick, RH6 0PQ Salary: £26586.00 to £30684.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Practice Plus Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [28]

• Assistant Psychologist

Doncaster , DN5 8UX Salary: £28247.00 to £32346.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Practice Plus Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [29]

• Healthcare Assistant

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

Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Island City Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [30]

• Healthcare Assistant

Kettering, NN16 8JZ Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer:

• Assistant Practitioner

Exeter, EX2 5DW Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [32]

Clerical Assistant

Grimsby, DN33 3JF Salary: £21841.00 to £23875.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Care Plus Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clerical Assistant job (opens in a new window) [33]

Domestic Assistant

Bangor, LL57 2PW Salary: £23970.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [34]

Healthcare Assistant

London, NW10 5UY Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Primary Care Management Solutions Ltd Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [35]

• Assistant Practitioner

Bulwell, NG6 9DR Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [36]

• Kitchen Assistant

Witherwack, SR5 5SX

Salary:

£12.22

Туре:

Permanent Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [37]

• 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) [38]

• Kitchen Assistant

Beaconsfield, HP9 1AB Salary: £12.30 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [39]

• Kitchen Assistant

Kingswood, BS15 4JW Salary: £12.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [40]

• Healthcare Assistant

Wales, NP22 5NF Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Cygnet Health Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [41]

• Practice Assistant

Cambridgeshire, CB6 1JU

Salary: £13.00 to £15.00 Type: Permanent Employer: St George's Medical Centre Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Assistant job (opens in a new window) [42]

• Healthcare Assistant

Pershore, WR10 1PS Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [43]

Maintenance Assistant

Sheffield, S10 2JF Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Maintenance Assistant job (opens in a new window) [44]

• Healthcare Assistant

Wales, NP22 5NF Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Cygnet Health Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [41]

• Healthcare Assistant

Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 0BX Salary: £25058.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Elysium Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [45]

• Care Assistant

Tile Cross, B33 0LT Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [46]

Hospitality Assistant

Bosham, PO18 8PN Salary: £12.35 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospitality Assistant job (opens in a new window) [47]

• Care Assistant

Northampton, NN1 5BE

Salary: £12.30 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [48]

• Hospitality Assistant

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospitality Assistant job (opens in a new window) [49]

Domestic Assistant

Northampton, NN5 6UD Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [50]

• Dietetic Assistant

Nottingham, NG7 2UH Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dietetic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [51]

• Healthcare Assistant

Cambridge, CB2 1RG Cambridge, CB2 9FN

Salary: £15.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Trumpington Street Medical Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [52]

• Care Assistant

Tile Cross, B33 0LT Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [46]

• Care Assistant

Northampton, NN1 5BE Salary: £12.30 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [48]

• Kitchen Assistant

Bournville, B31 2FR Salary: £312.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [53]

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

Domestic Assistant

Durham, DH1 5TW Salary: £12.21 Type: Bank Employer: CDD Services (Synchronicity Care Ltd) Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [55]

Healthcare Assistant

Penrith, CA11 8HW

Salary: £23536.50 to £27300.00 Type: Permanent Employer:

• Administration Assistant

Bridgend, CF31 1RQ Salary: £24433.00 to £26060.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Administration Assistant job (opens in a new window)

Domestic Assistant

Harrogate, HG2 7SX
Salary:
£24169.00
Туре:
Permanent
Employer:
Harrogate Integrated Facilities
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [58]

Other roles that may interest you

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- Emergency care assistant [62]

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