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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.

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

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Orthotics Officer/Podiatry Assistant

Aberystwyth/Cardigan, SA43 1JX

Salary:

£24433.00 to £26060.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Hywel Dda 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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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

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Care Assistant

Kent, DA7 4BE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

Peterborough, PE7 8SJ

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Healthcare Assistant

Manchester, M16 9RT

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Ashville Surgery

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Healthcare Assistant

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LS

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Kitchen Assistant

Marlborough, SN8 1JR

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Kitchen Assistant

Sunninghill, SL5 9PR

Salary:

£12.45

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Kitchen Assistant

Rendlesham, IP12 2TP

Salary:

£12.21

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Care Assistant

Droitwich Spa, WR9 7SS

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

Elstree, WD6 3RG

Salary:

£12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Assistant Chef

Heathfield, TN21 8DR

Salary:

£13.20

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Care Assistant

Southampton, SO30 3HP

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Care Assistant

Auchtermuchty, KY14 7FG

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Care Assistant

Banstead, SM7 3EF

Purley, CR8 2HJ

London, SE27 0RW

Salary:

£12.25 to £13.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Fairlie Healthcare Group

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Banstead, SM7 3EF

Salary:

£12.25 to £13.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Fairlie Healthcare Group

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Healthcare Assistant

Hartlepool, TS27 4LQ Peterlee, SR8 5PU

Seaham, SR7 8DY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Blackhall and Peterlee Practice

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Assistant Psychologist

Doncaster, DN5 8UX

Salary:

£28247.00 to £32346.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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Healthcare Assistant

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

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Healthcare Assistant

Kettering, NN16 8JZ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dryland Medical Centre

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Clerical Assistant

Grimsby, DN33 3JF

Salary:

£21841.00 to £23875.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Care Plus Group

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Healthcare Assistant

London, NW10 5UY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Primary Care Management Solutions Ltd

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Kitchen Assistant

Witherwack, SR5 5SX

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Fishcross, FK10 3GN

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Kitchen Assistant

Beaconsfield, HP9 1AB

Salary:

£12.30

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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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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Maintenance Assistant

Sheffield, S10 2JF

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Healthcare Assistant

Pershore, WR10 1PS

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

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Practice Assistant

Cambridgeshire, CB6 1JU

Salary:

£13.00 to £15.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

St George's Medical Centre

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Hospitality Assistant

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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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) [38]

Healthcare Assistant

Waterlooville, PO7 7AH

Waterlooville, PO7 8NS

Waterlooville, PO7 6AL

Salary:

£12.34 to £13.17

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Vine Medical Group

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Hospitality Assistant

Bosham, PO18 8PN

Salary:

£12.35

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Dietetic Assistant

Nottingham, NG7 2UH

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts

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Healthcare Assistant

Employer:

Aria Care

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Cambridge, CB2 1RG
 Cambridge, CB2 9FN
 Salary:
       £15.00
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Trumpington Street Medical Practice
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    Care Assistant

 Tile Cross, B33 0LT
 Salary:
       £12.25
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.
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    Care Assistant

 Tile Cross, B33 0LT
 Salary:
       £12.25
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.
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 Bosham, PO18 8PN
 Salary:
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 Type:
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Northampton, NN1 5BE

Salary:

£12.30

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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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) [37]

Domestic Assistant

Northampton, NN5 6UD

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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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:

Practice Assistant

London, NW5 1TR

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Parliament Hill Medical Centre

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Assistant job (opens in a new window) [46]

Catering Assistant

Dawlish, EX7 0NR

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Catering Assistant job (opens in a new window) [47]

Domestic Assistant

Bodelwyddan, LL18 5UJ

Salary:

£23970.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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Physiotherapy Assistant

St Leonards, TN37 7RD

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

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Administration Assistant

London, E14 4PU

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

NHS Counter Fraud Authority

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Healthcare Assistant

Stevenage, SG1 3HT Stevenage, SG2 7QX

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

King George Surgery

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Care Assistant

Liss, GU33 7RR

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Assistant Psychologist

Sheffield, S1 4JP

Salary:

£28407.00 to £34581.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [53]

Nursing Assistant

Davyhulme, M41 5SL

Salary:

£24169.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

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

Healthcare Assistant

Camberley, GU15 2QA

Salary:

£13.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Surrey Heath Community Providers Ltd

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Physiotherapy Assistant

St Leonards, TN37 7RD

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

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Catering Assistant

Yeovil, BA21 4AT

Salary:

£24169.00 to £24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Catering Assistant job (opens in a new window) [56]

Assistant Psychologist

London, SE28 0FD

Salary:

£31081.00 to £33665.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [57]

Assistant Psychologist

Scunthorpe, DN16 1AL

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHSFT

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