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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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Coxheath, ME17 4AH

Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Apprenticeship Employer: Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Apprentice job (opens in a new window) [4]

#### • Administrator - Podiatry Team

Clevedon, BS21 6FW
Salary:
£24937.00 to £26598.00
Туре:
Permanent
Employer:
Sirona care & health CIC
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Administrator - Podiatry Team job (opens in a new
window) 📾

## • Specialist Podiatrist - Musculoskeletal Podiatry

Port Talbot, SA12 7BJ

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) [6]

## • Podiatry clinical support worker

Torquay, TQ2 5YH

Salary: £24071.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry clinical support worker job (opens in a new window) [7]

## • Podiatry Deputy Clinic Manager

Oxford, OX2 8TA

Salary: £31049.00 to £37796.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Oxford Health NHS Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Deputy Clinic Manager job (opens in a new</u> <u>window)</u> [8]

## Podiatry Clinical Pathway Lead - Nail Surgery

Bristol, BS4 2UH
Salary:
£47810.00 to £54710.00
Туре:
Permanent
Employer:
Sirona care & health CIC
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Clinical Pathway Lead - Nail Surgery job
(opens in a new window) [9]

## • Bank Children's Support Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Tadworth, KT20 5RU

Salary: Negotiable Type: Bank Employer: The Children's Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Bank Children's Support Assistant (Healthcare Assistant) job (opens in a new window) [10]

#### • Theatre Assistant

Oldham, OL2 6QW Salary: £27601.00 Type: Permanent Employer: HealthHarmonie Apply now on NHS Jobs for Theatre Assistant job (opens in a new window) [11]

## • Healthcare Assistant

Weybridge, KT13 8DW Salary: £13.00 to £15.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Phoenix Family Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [12]

## Domestic Assistant

West Denton, NE5 5AY Salary: £12.26 Type: Permanent Employer: Akari Care Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [13]

## • 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: CLICK PCN Apply now on NHS Jobs for GP Assistant job (opens in a new window) [15]

## • Care Assistant

Rugeley, WS15 2EJ Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [16]

## • Housekeeping Assistant

Virgina Water, GU25 4BE Salary: £12.55 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Housekeeping Assistant job (opens in a new window) [17]

## • Care Assistant

London, SW19 6AB Salary: £13.35 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [18]

## • Kitchen Assistant

Chertsey, KT16 9FS Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [19]

#### • 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) [20]

## • Care Assistant

Chorleywood, WD3 5TQ Salary: £12.50 to £12.75 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [21]

## • Care Assistant

Barnet, EN5 4BS Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [22]

#### • 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) [23]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

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

Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: North Shields Primary Care Network Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [24]

## • Housekeeping Assistant

Eastbourne, BN20 9AN
Salary:
£12.25
Туре:
Permanent
Employer:
Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Housekeeping Assistant job (opens in a new window)
[25]

## • Theatre Assistant

Macclesfield, SK11 8DW Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Spire Healthcare Ltd Apply now on NHS Jobs for Theatre Assistant job (opens in a new window) [26]

#### • Assistant Administrator

High Kelling, NR25 6QA

Salary:

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Type:

Permanent Employer:

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## Hospitality Assistant

Rushden, NN10 9YP Salary: £24465.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospitality Assistant job (opens in a new window) [28]

## • Care Assistant

Nuthall, NG8 6AX Salary: £12.27 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [29]

## • Healthcare Assistant

Preston, PR1 5AB Salary: £24669.00 to £28690.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Practice Plus Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [30]

## • Care Assistant

Knowle, B93 9LQ Salary: £12.35 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [31]

## • Hospitality Assistant

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospitality Assistant job (opens in a new window) [32]

## • 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 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Therapy Assistant job (opens in a new window) [34]

## • Care Assistant

Beckenham, BR3 3FH

Salary:

£12.75

Type:

Permanent Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [35]

## • Care Assistant

South Gosforth, NE3 1SY Salary: £12.70 Type: Permanent Employer: Akari Care Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [36]

## • Kitchen Assistant

Cowgate, NE5 3AB Salary: £12.26 Type: Permanent Employer: Akari Care Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [37]

## • Kitchen Assistant

Jesmond, NE2 1TL Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Akari Care Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [38]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

Castleford, WF10 1PH Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Riverside Medical Centre Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [39]

## • Sonographer Assistant

Brent, HA9 0GL Salary: £12.21 Type: Permanent Employer: Cora Health Group Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Sonographer Assistant job (opens in a new window)

#### • Care Assistant

Sevenoaks, TN13 2PG Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [41]

## • 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) [43]

#### • Care Assistant

Blackwater, GU17 9HS

Salary: £12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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## • Care Assistant

Llanrwst, LL26 0HE Salary: £12.70 Type: Permanent Employer: Akari Care Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [45]

## • Healthcare Assistant

Charlwood, RH6 0BN Salary: £25058.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Elysium Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [46]

#### • Care Assistant

Bristol, BS5 7PD Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [47]

#### • Care Assistant

Elstree, WD6 3RG Salary: £12.50 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [48]

## • Care Assistant

Epsom, KT18 5XA Salary: £12.75 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [49]

## Domestic Assistant

Jesmond, NE2 1TL Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Akari Care Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [50]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

Welshpool, SY21 0RT

Salary:

Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Caereinion Medical Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [51]

#### • Facilities Assistant

Exeter, EX2 5AF Salary: £24465.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Devon Partnership NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Facilities Assistant job (opens in a new window) [52]

## • Care Assistant

Northampton, NN3 6QP Salary: £12.35 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [53]

## • Rehab Assistant

Tattenhall, CH3 9GA

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent Employer:

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Rehab Assistant job (opens in a new window) [54]

## • Nursing Assistant

Hull, HU3 2JZ

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent Employer:

Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Nursing Assistant job (opens in a new window) [55]

## • Radiographic Assistant

Exeter, EX2 7JG Exeter, ex27jg 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) [56]

## Domestic Assistant

Sunderland, SR2 0NY Salary: £26101.00 Type: Permanent Employer: City Hospitals Independent Commercial Enterprises Ltd (CHoICE) Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [57]

## • Care Assistant

Sompting, BN15 0DA Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [58]

#### • Care Assistant

Bassett, SO16 7AG Salary: £12.85 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [59]

## • 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) [60]

## • Assistant Psychologist

North Lincolnshire, DN15 6NU Salary: £27485.00 to £30162.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHSFT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [61]

## • Healthcare Assistant

Doncaster , DN7 6EE Salary: £24669.00 to £28690.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Practice Plus Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [62]

## • Dietetic Assistant

Wakefield, WF1 4DG

Salary:

£27485.00 to £30162.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dietetic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [63]

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