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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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Diabetes / Podiatry Footcare Practitioner (Annex 21)

Carmarthen, SA31 2AF

Salary:

£26928.00 to £29551.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hywel Dda University Health Board

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Podiatry Assistant Practitioner- Trainee

Hounslow, TW3 3EL

Salary:

£29176.00 to £30225.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

West London NHS Trust

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Podiatry Apprentice

Hounslow, TW3 3EL

Salary:

£31081.00 to £33665.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

West London NHS Trust

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Podiatry Administrator

London, N1 5LZ

Salary:

£30039.00 to £31088.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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Podiatry Apprentice - Merton

London, SM4 5DX

Salary:

£25147.00 to £27596.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Central London Community Health Trust

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Podiatry Service Manager

Liverpool, L9 7AL

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Clerical Officer (Podiatry)

Sheffield, S13 7LY

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Senior Podiatry Administrator

Based at Clevedon, Knowle, cossham, BS21 6FW

Salary:

£27485.00 to £30162.00

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

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Podiatrist - Musculoskeletal Podiatry job (opens in a new window) [12]

Podiatry Clinical Lead (Diabetes)

Crawley, RH11 7DH

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust

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Advanced Podiatry Practitioner MSK Advanced Practice Service (MSKAPS)

Gloucester, GL1 2DB

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Practice Service (MSKAPS) job (opens in a new window) [14]

Senior Healthcare Assistant / Healthcare Assistant

Esher, KT10 8NA

Salary:

£25000.00 to £27000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Princess Alice Hospice

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Children's Support Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Tadworth, KT20 5RU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Children's Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Children's Support Assistant (Healthcare Assistant) job (opens in a new window) [16]

Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Wigan, WN2 3HZ

Salary:

£23582.00 to £26158.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wigan and Leigh Hospice

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Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Wigan, WN2 3HZ

Salary:

£23582.00 to £26158.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wigan and Leigh Hospice

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Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Wigan, WN2 3HZ

Salary:

£23582.00 to £26158.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wigan and Leigh Hospice

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Senior Pharmacy Assistant - Dispensing Assistant

Ashton Under Lyne, OL6 9RW

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust

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(opens in a new window) [20]

Bank Children's Support Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Tadworth, KT20 5RU

Salary:

Negotiable
Type:
Bank
Employer:
The Children's Trust

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Healthcare Assistant - Radiology Department (Radiology Assistant)

Southend on Sea, SS00RY

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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Assistant Chaplain/Assistant Pastoral Support Worker

Maghull, L31 1HW

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00

Type:

Bank

Employer:

Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Theatre Assistant/Senior Theatre Assistant (Bank)

Tetbury, GL8 8XB

Salary:

£12.35 to £12.59

Type:

Bank

Employer:

Tetbury Hospital

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Theatre Assistant/Senior Theatre Assistant (Bank) job (opens in a new window) [24]

HealthCare Assistant /Therapy Assistant Islington Urgent Response

London, N19 3YU

Salary:

£30039.00 to £31088.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Whittington Hospital NHS Trust

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Care Assistant

Auchtermuchty, KY14 7FG

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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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) [27]

Healthcare Assistant

Stevenage, SG1 3HT Stevenage, SG2 7QX

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

King George Surgery

Liss, GU33 7RR

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [29]

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:

Aria Care

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Healthcare Assistant

Clacton-on-Sea, CO14 8JU

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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 Healthcare Assistant Kendal, LA9 6AA Salary: £26728.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Elysium Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [33] Care Assistant St Peter, JE3 7HQ Salary: £15.60

Permanent

Employer:

Type:

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

Elstree, WD6 3RG

Salary:

£12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Healthcare Assistant

Carlisle, CA3 8SY

Salary:

£24500.00 to £30335.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Humankind Charity

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Healthcare Assistant

Honiton, EX14 2NY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Honiton Surgery

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Healthcare Assistant

Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9JP

Salary:

£25253.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Care Assistant

Redhill, RH1 5BA

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Taunton, TA4 1AB

Salary:

£12.80

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Healthcare Assistant

Halesowen, B63 4WD

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Halesowen Medical Practice

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

Housekeeping Assistant

Chertsey, KT16 9FS

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Healthcare Assistant

Keswick, CA12 4DB

Salary:

£12.31 to £13.06

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Castlehead Medical Centre

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Norwich, NR5 8BF

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Administrative Assistant

Eastchurch, Sheerness, ME12 4DZ

Salary:

£26625.00 to £27674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust

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

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Physiotherapy Assistant

Chippenham, SN15 2AJ

Salary:

£24486.00 to £26155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HCRG Care Group

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GP Assistant

Cheltenham, GL53 0LA

Cheltenham, GL52 6HS

Cheltenham, GL54 5GZ

Cheltenham, GL52 8RP

Cheltenham, GL52 7YU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

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Permanent
Employer:
Cheltenham Peripheral Network
Apply now on NHS Jobs for GP Assistant job (opens in a new window) [48]

Assistant Psychologist
Wolverhampton, WV3 9DW
Salary:
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Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aurora Care and Education Opco Ltd

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [49]

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) [50]

Domestic Assistant

South Shields, NE34 0PL

Salary:

£25779.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

City Hospitals Independent Commercial Enterprises Ltd (CHoICE)

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

Healthcare Assistant

Hull, HU7 3JQ

Hull, HU3 6BX

Hull, HU8 8JS

Hull, HU6 9BX

Salary:

Negotiable

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Type:
Permanent
Employer:
Haxby Group (Hull)
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Ilkley Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7QZ

Salary:

£12.80

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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

Domestic Assistant

Hartlepool, TS26 9PW

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cygnet Health Care

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

Assistant Psychologist

Stafford, ST16 3AG

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [55]

Assistant Psychologist

Tooting, SW17 7DJ

Salary:

£31944.00 to £34937.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South West London and St Georges Mental Health NHS Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [56]

General Assistant

Bromley, BR2 7BX

Salary:

£12.71

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Barchester Healthcare

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

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) [58]

Kitchen Assistant

Deckham, NE8 3SA

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [59]

Domestic Assistant

Acresford, DE12 8AP

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

WHITBY, YO21 1DP

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Therapy Assistant job (opens in a new window) [61]

Healthcare Assistant

London, SW15 3SW

Salary:

£26485.00 to £29144.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [62]

Clerical Assistant

Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6NQ

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust

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