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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.

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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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Podiatry Apprentice

Chester, CH1 4DS

Salary:

£24071.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

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Podiatry Team Lead

Worcester, WR5 1JF

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

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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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Emergency Team Assistant / Healthcare Assistant

London, W6 8RF

Salary:

£30039.00 to £31088.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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Care Assistant

DA14 6LF, DA14 6LF

Salary:

£11.55

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

Kent, DA7 4BE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

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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Milton Keynes, MK6 5LS

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Healthcare Assistant

Clacton-on-Sea, CO14 8JU

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Housekeeping Assistant

Stamford, PE9 2EU

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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Kitchen Assistant

Marlborough, SN8 1JR

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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Kitchen Assistant

Sunninghill, SL5 9PR

Salary:

£12.45

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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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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HR Assistant

York, YO26 4GG

Salary:

£26522.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Nimbuscare Ltd

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Assistant Chef

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Waterlooville, PO8 8QT

Salary:

£25058.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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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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Care Assistant

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:

Gatwick, RH6 0PQ

Salary:

£26586.00 to £30684.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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Rehabilitation Assistant

Redhill, RH1 5JY

Salary:

£24071.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

First Community Health and Care

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Theatre Assistant

Oldham, OL2 6QW

Salary:

£27601.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HealthHarmonie

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Assistant Practitioner

Bulwell, NG6 9DR

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Sheffield, S5 7AU

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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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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Domestic Assistant

Bangor, LL57 2PW

Salary:

£23970.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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Kitchen Assistant

Beaconsfield, HP9 1AB

Salary:

£12.30

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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Kitchen Assistant

Kingswood, BS15 4JW

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Kitchen Assistant

Witherwack, SR5 5SX

Salary:

£12.22

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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Dialysis Assistant

Blackburn, BB1 2PW

Salary:

£24683.00 to £27758.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Diaverum

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Kettering, NN16 8JZ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dryland Medical Centre

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Healthcare Assistant

London, NW10 5UY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Primary Care Management Solutions Ltd

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Care Assistant

Camberley, GU15 2LN

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Assistant Practitioner

Exeter, EX2 5DW

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Island City Practice

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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) [47]

Domestic Assistant

Coventry, CV1 3LN

Salary:

£24169.00 to £24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

NHS Property Services Ltd

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Domestic Assistant

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation 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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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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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

Wales, NP22 5NF

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cygnet Health Care

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Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 0BX

Salary:

£25058.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Care Assistant

Tile Cross, B33 0LT

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Administrative Assistant

London, WC1N 3HZ

Salary:

£30039.00 to £31088.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Administrative Assistant job (opens in a new window)

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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) [57]

Assistant Psychologist

Blackburn, BB2 1TU

Salary:

£27825.00 to £27825.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cygnet Health Care

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [58]

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) [59]

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) [60]

Domestic Assistant

Northampton, NN5 6UD

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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Clerical Assistant

Sheffield, S10 2TH

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust

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

Kitchen Assistant

Bournville, B31 2FR

Salary:

£312.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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