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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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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 (Level 5 Apprenticeship)

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary:

£24625.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Podiatry Team Lead

Worcester, WR5 1JF

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS 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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Podiatry Team Administrator

Bognor Regis, PO22 9PP

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust

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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

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Senior Rehab Assistant/ Assistant Practitioner

Taunton, TA1 2PX

Salary:

£27485.00 to £30162.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

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Bank Children's Support Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Tadworth, KT20 5RU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Bank

Employer:

The Children's Trust

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Medical Laboratory Assistant / Healthcare Science Assistant

Derby, DE22 3NE

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust

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Assistant job (opens in a new window) [12]

Theatre Assistant/Senior Theatre Assistant (Bank)

Tetbury, GL8 8XB

Salary:

£12.35 to £12.59

Type:

Bank

Employer:

Tetbury Hospital

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(opens in a new window) [13]

Theatre Assistant

Oldham, OL2 6QW

Salary:

£27601.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HealthHarmonie

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Care Assistant

Liss, GU33 7RR

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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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

Care Assistant

St Peter, JE3 7HQ

Salary:

£15.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Care Assistant

Rendlesham, IP12 2TP

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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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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Care Assistant

Taunton, TA4 1AB

Salary:

£12.80

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Housekeeping Assistant

Chertsey, KT16 9FS

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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[23]

Healthcare Assistant

Keswick, CA12 4DB

Salary:

£12.31 to £13.06

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Castlehead Medical Centre

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Housekeeping Assistant

Chertsey, KT16 9FS

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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[23]

Healthcare Assistant

Weybridge, KT13 8DW

Salary:

£13.00 to £15.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Phoenix Family Practice

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Domestic Assistant

Hartlepool, TS26 9PW

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cygnet Health Care

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General Assistant

Bromley, BR2 7BX

Salary:

£12.71

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Barchester Healthcare

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Domestic Assistant

West Denton, NE5 5AY

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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Kitchen Assistant

Deckham, NE8 3SA

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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Healthcare Assistant

London, WC1X 0GB

Salary:

£25000.00 to £30000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Amwell Group Practice

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Care Assistant

Wellingborough, NN8 3PN

Salary:

£12.30

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Healthcare Assistant

Chesterfield, S42 7JD

Salary:

£24619.00 to £24948.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Ashgate Hospicecare

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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Chertsey, KT16 9FS

Salary:

£13.00

Type:

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Employer:

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Hospitality Assistant

Kettering, NN15 7PW

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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Kitchen Assistant

Hinckley, LE10 0EH

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Housekeeping Assistant

Bournemouth, BH4 9DR

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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[36]

Care Assistant

Newcastle under Lyme, ST5 9NR

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Healthcare Assistant

Newport Pagnell, MK16 8QT

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Primary Care Careers

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Assistant Accountant

317 Trustwide, NE2 3AE

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Executive Assistant

Yeovil, BA22 8QR

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

GPSU - General Practice Support Unit

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Executive Assistant job (opens in a new window) [40]

Healthcare Assistant

Chesterfield, S42 7JD

Salary:

£24619.00 to £24948.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Ashgate Hospicecare

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Domestic Assistant

Birmingham, B13 8JL

Salary:

£16214.58 to £24321.87

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Summerhill Services Limited

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Bookings Assistant

Cheltenham, GL53 7AS

Salary:

£24675.00 to £26632.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cobalt

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Care Assistant

Newcastle under Lyme, ST5 9NR

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Theatre Assistant

Bangor, LL57 2PW

Salary:

£23970.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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Healthcare Assistant

Ledbury, HR8 1HB

Salary:

£25057.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Healthcare Assistant

Woodhall Spa, LN10 6SQ Lincoln, LN3 5SU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Woodhall Spa New Surgery

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Dietetic Assistant

Wrexham, LL13 7TD

Salary:

£24433.00 to £26060.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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

Radiology Assistant

Stockport, SK2 7JE

Salary:

£24169.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Stockport NHS Foundation Trust

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Healthcare Assistant

Goole, DN14 6JD

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Salary:

£12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

SSP Health

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General Assistant

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LS

Salary:

£12.71

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Barchester Healthcare

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GP Assistant

Doncaster, DN8 4BQ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC

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Domestic Assistant

Wrexham, LL13 7TD

Salary:

£23970.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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Domestic Assistant

Birmingham, B13 8JL

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Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Summerhill Services Limited

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Fixed-Term

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£24433.00 to £26060.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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Kitchen Assistant

Dereham, NR19 2PG

Salary:

£12.21

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [52]

Healthcare Assistant

Horsham, RH12 2DR Camberley, GU16 6QQ Redhill, RH1 5RH Horsham, RH13 9HQ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sussex Community Dermatology Service

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

Admin Assistant

Sunderland, SR4 7TP South Shields, NE34 0PL

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Admin Assistant job (opens in a new window) [54]

Dispensary Assistant

Norwich, NR6 5BE

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Norfolk & Suffolk Foundation NHS Trust

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GP Assistant

Ilminster, TA19 9RX Ilminster, TA19 9FE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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