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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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• Podiatry Assistant

Netherton, Liverpool, L30 5SP

Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Assistant job (opens in a new window) [4]

• Orthotics Officer/Podiatry Assistant

Aberystwyth/Cardigan, SA43 1JX Salary: £24433.00 to £26060.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Hywel Dda University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Orthotics Officer/Podiatry Assistant job (opens in a new window) [5]

• Podiatry Administrator

Worcester, WR5 1JF

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Administrator job (opens in a new window) [6]

Podiatry Apprentice

Crewe, CW1 1AT

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Apprentice job (opens in a new window) [7]

• Podiatry Apprentice

Chester, CH1 4DS

Salary: £24071.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Apprentice job (opens in a new window) [8]

• Podiatry Team Lead

Worcester, WR5 1JF

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Team Lead job (opens in a new window) [9]

• Specialist Podiatrist - Musculoskeletal Podiatry

Swansea, SA1 5AT

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) [10]

Emergency Team Assistant / Healthcare Assistant

London, W6 8RF

Salary:

£30039.00 to £31088.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Emergency Team Assistant / Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [11]

• Care Assistant

Eastbourne, BN20 9AN

Salary: £13.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [12]

• Care Assistant

Kent, DA7 4BE

Salary:

Negotiable Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [13]

• Care Assistant

DA14 6LF, DA14 6LF

Salary: £11.55 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [14]

• Dispensary Assistant

Coleford, GL16 8RH Coleford, GL16 8HJ Lydbrook, GL17 9LG Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Coleford Medical Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dispensary Assistant job (opens in a new window) [15]

• Kitchen Assistant

Witherwack, SR5 5SX Salary: £12.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [16]

• Care Assistant

Peterborough, PE7 8SJ Salary: £12.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [17]

• Care Assistant

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) [18]

• Administration Assistant

Doncaster, DN4 0TG Salary: £12.21 to £12.61 Type: Permanent Employer: The Scott Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Administration Assistant job (opens in a new window) [19]

• Healthcare Assistant

Manchester, M16 9RT Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Ashville Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [20]

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) [21]

Healthcare Assistant

Clacton-on-Sea, CO14 8JU

Salary:

£25155.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Elysium Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [22]

• Pharmacy Assistant

Redditch, B98 7UB

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Assistant job (opens in a new window) [23]

• Catering Assistant

Corby, NN17 2UN

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Catering Assistant job (opens in a new window) [24]

• Healthcare Assistant

Peterborough, PE7 3JL Salary: £12.21 Type: Permanent Employer: Lakeside Healthcare Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [25]

• Biomedical Assistant

Leicester, LE1 5WW

Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Biomedical Assistant job (opens in a new window) [26]

• Kitchen Assistant

Marlborough, SN8 1JR

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [27]

• Housekeeping Assistant

Stamford, PE9 2EU Salary: £12.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Housekeeping Assistant job (opens in a new window)

• Kitchen Assistant

Sunninghill, SL5 9PR

Salary:

£12.45

Type:

Permanent Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [29]

• Kitchen Assistant

Rendlesham, IP12 2TP

Salary: £12.21 Type: Permanent

• Service Assistant

Carlisle, CA1 3SX Salary: £23615.00 Type: Permanent Employer: NTW Solutions Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Service Assistant job (opens in a new window) [31]

• Administration Assistant

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York, YO24 1GL
Salary:
£10302.19 to £23874.98
Type:
Permanent
Employer:
St Leonard's Hospice
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Administration Assistant job (opens in a new window)
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• Play Assistant

Bristol, BS3 8JB Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) Apply now on NHS Jobs for Play Assistant job (opens in a new window) [33] Care Assistant Droitwich Spa, WR9 7SS Salary:

£12.25 Type: Permanent Employer:

• Healthcare Assistant

Stanmore, HA7 4LP Salary: £29176.00 to £30225.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [35]

• HR Assistant

York, YO26 4GG Salary: £26522.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Nimbuscare Ltd Apply now on NHS Jobs for HR Assistant job (opens in a new window) [36]

Assistant Practitioner

Rotherham, S60 2UD Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [37]

• HR Assistant

Milton Keynes, MK15 9AB Salary: £25658.00 to £26300.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Willen Hospice Apply now on NHS Jobs for HR Assistant job (opens in a new window) [38]

• Assistant Chef

Heathfield, TN21 8DR Salary: £13.20 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Chef job (opens in a new window) [39]

• Care Assistant

Southampton, SO30 3HP

Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [40]

• Care Assistant

Auchtermuchty, KY14 7FG Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [41]

• 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) [42]

• Healthcare Assistant

Waterlooville, PO8 8QT Salary: £25058.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Elysium Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [43]

Assistant Practitioner

Bronllys, Brecon, LD3 0LY

Salary:

£26928.00 to £29551.00

Туре:

Permanent

Employer:

Powys Teaching Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [44]

• Care Assistant

Banstead, SM7 3EF Purley, CR8 2HJ London, SE27 0RW

Salary: £12.25 to £13.25

Type: Permanent

Employer:

Fairlie Healthcare Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [45]

• Care Assistant

Banstead, SM7 3EF Salary: £12.25 to £13.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Fairlie Healthcare Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [46]

• Healthcare Assistant

Hartlepool, TS27 4LQ Peterlee, SR8 5PU Seaham, SR7 8DY Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Blackhall and Peterlee Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [47]

• Healthcare Assistant

Gatwick, RH6 0PQ Salary: £26586.00 to £30684.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Practice Plus Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [48]

• Healthcare Assistant

Bangor, LL57 2PW Salary: £23970.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [49]

Dispensary Assistant

Norwich, NR6 5BE Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Norfolk & Suffolk Foundation NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dispensary Assistant job (opens in a new window) [50]

• Nursing Assistant

Manchester, M13 9WL 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) [51]

• Rehabilitation Assistant

Redhill, RH1 5JY Salary: £24071.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: First Community Health and Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Rehabilitation Assistant job (opens in a new window)

• 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) [53]

• Care Assistant

Bournville, B31 2FR Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [54]

Secretarial Assistant

Sheffield, S6 3BR Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Secretarial Assistant job (opens in a new window) [55]

• Healthcare Assistant

Rotherham, S60 2UD

Salary:

£24071.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [56]

• Assistant Practitioner

London, SW10 9NH

Salary:

£31944.00 to £34937.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [57]

Assistant Practitioner

Bulwell, NG6 9DR Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [58]

Imaging Assistant

Sutton-In-Ashfield, NG17 4JL Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Imaging Assistant job (opens in a new window) [59]

Domestic Assistant

Bury, BL9 7TD

Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [60]

• Healthcare Assistant

Gravesend, DA11 0DG

Salary: £23875.00 to £23875.00 Type: Permanent Employer: HCRG Care Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [61]

• Administrative Assistant

Sheffield, S5 7AU Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Administrative Assistant job (opens in a new window)

Assistant Psychologist

Doncaster , DN5 8UX Salary: £28247.00 to £32346.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Practice Plus Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [63]

Other roles that may interest you

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