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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 Practitioner (Level 5 Apprenticeship)

Swindon, SN3 6BB

Salary: £24625.00 to £29114.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Assistant Practitioner (Level 5 Apprenticeship) job (opens in a new window) [4]

## Podiatry Team Lead

Worcester, WR5 1JF Salary: £47810.00 to £54710.00 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) [5]

## Podiatry Caseload Holder

Whiston, L35 3SX

Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Caseload Holder job (opens in a new window)</u>

#### 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) [7]

#### Research Assistant / Assistant Psychologist

Bristol, BS2 8BJ

Salary:

£31049.00 to £37796.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) Apply now on NHS Jobs for Research Assistant / Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [8]

## • Assistant Practitioner / Trainee Assistant Practitioner

Workington, CA14 2RW Salary: £27485.00 to £30162.00 Type: Permanent Employer: North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner / Trainee Assistant Practitioner 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]

## Assistant Practitioner / Trainee Assistant Practitioner Physiotherapy

carlisle, CA27HY

Salary:

£24625.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner / Trainee Assistant Practitioner</u> Physiotherapy job (opens in a new window) [11]

## Medical Laboratory Assistant / Healthcare Science Assistant

Derby, DE22 3NE

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Medical Laboratory Assistant / Healthcare Science Assistant job (opens in a new window) [12]

## • Pharmacy Assistant/Senior Pharmacy Assistant - Dispensary

Norwich, NR4 7UY

Salary: £24169.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Assistant/Senior Pharmacy Assistant -Dispensary job (opens in a new window) [13]

#### • 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) [14]

#### • Care Assistant

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) [15]

## • Care Assistant

Farmoor, OX2 9NL Salary: £12.85 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [16]

## • Care Assistant

Rendlesham, IP12 2TP Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care

## • 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]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

Keswick, CA12 4DB Salary: £12.31 to £13.06 Type: Permanent Employer: Castlehead Medical Centre Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [19]

## • 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) [20]

## • 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) [21]

## • 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) [22]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

London, WC1X 0GB

Salary: £25000.00 to £30000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Amwell Group Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [23]

#### • Care Assistant

Wellingborough, NN8 3PN

Salary: £12.30 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [24]

## • Domestic Assistant

Hardwick, TS19 8FR Salary: £12.26 Type: Permanent Employer: Akari Care Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [25]

## Domestic Assistant

Cowgate, NE5 3AB Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Akari Care Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [26]

#### • Care Assistant

Chertsey, KT16 9FS Salary: £13.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [27]

### • 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) [28]

## • Kitchen Assistant

Hinckley, LE10 0EH Salary: £12.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [29]

## • Housekeeping Assistant

Bournemouth, BH4 9DR Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Housekeeping Assistant job (opens in a new window)

#### Bookings Assistant

Cheltenham, GL53 7AS Salary: £24675.00 to £26632.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cobalt Apply now on NHS Jobs for Bookings Assistant job (opens in a new window) [31]

## • Healthcare Assistant

Ledbury, HR8 1HB Salary: £25057.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Elysium Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [32]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

Woodhall Spa, LN10 6SQ Lincoln, LN3 5SU Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Woodhall Spa New Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [33]

## • Kitchen Assistant

Headingly, LS6 2BG Salary: £12.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [34]

#### • Care Assistant

Rugby, CV21 3FE Salary: £12.50 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [35]

### • 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) [36]

## 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) [37]

### • 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) [38]

#### • Nursing Assistant

Hull, HU3 2JZ

Salary: £23615.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Nursing Assistant job (opens in a new window) [39]

#### • Care Assistant

Hanford, ST4 8EN Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [40]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

Warrington, WA3 3GS	
Salary:	
£12.50	
Туре:	
Permanent	
Employer:	
SSP Health	
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (open	ns in a new window) [41]

## Assistant Psychologist

Oxford, OX3 7JH Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Oxford Health NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [42]

## • Kitchen Assistant

Haslemere, GU27 1LA Salary: £12.35 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [43]

### • Rehabilitation Assistant

Carlisle, CA2 7HY Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Rehabilitation Assistant job (opens in a new window)

## • Dietetic Assistant

Barrow in Furness, LA14 4LF Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dietetic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [45]

## • Kitchen Assistant

Henley on Thames, RG9 5SE

Salary: £12.21 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [46]

#### • 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) [47]

#### Activities Assistant

Beckenham, BR3 3FH Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Activities Assistant job (opens in a new window) [48]

## • Housekeeping Assistant

Hatfield, AL10 0DJ Salary: £12.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Housekeeping Assistant job (opens in a new window) [49]

## • 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)

## • 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) [51]

## • Finance Assistant

Southampton, SO40 2RZ

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Finance Assistant job (opens in a new window) [52]

## • Therapy Assistant

Northallerton, DL6 1JG

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00 Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Therapy Assistant job (opens in a new window) [53]

## • Care Assistant

Smethwick, B66 4HW Salary: £24790.00 to £25992.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [54]

#### Assistant Practitioner

Glastonbury, BA6 9JB Highbridge, TA9 5JD

Salary: £27711.00 to £31067.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Somerset County Council Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [55]

## • Dispensary Assistant

Hope Valley, S33 6RJ Salary: £12.33 Type: Permanent Employer: Evelyn Medical Centre Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dispensary Assistant job (opens in a new window) [56]

## • Domestic Assistant

Bangor, LL57 2PW
Salary:
£23970.00
Туре:
Permanent
Employer:
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [57]

## • 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) [58]

#### • Domestic Assistant

Ashton Under Lyne, OL6 9RW

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [59]

### 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) [60]

## • GP Assistant

Doncaster, DN8 4BQ Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC Apply now on NHS Jobs for GP Assistant job (opens in a new window) [61]

## Domestic Assistant

Rotherham, S60 2UD Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [62]

#### Housekeeping Assistant

Chipstead, TN13 2PZ Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Housekeeping Assistant job (opens in a new window)

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