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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- Trainee

Hounslow, TW3 3EL

Salary: £29176.00 to £30225.00 Type: Permanent Employer: West London NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Assistant Practitioner- Trainee job (opens in a new window) [4]

Podiatry Apprentice

Hounslow, TW3 3EL Salary: £29176.00 to £30225.00 Type: Permanent Employer: West London NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Apprentice job (opens in a new window) [5]

• Podiatry Apprentice - Merton

London, SM4 5DX

Salary: £25147.00 to £27596.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Central London Community Health Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Apprentice - Merton job (opens in a new window) [6]

Podiatry Service Manager

Liverpool, L9 7AL

Salary: £53755.00 to £60504.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Service Manager job (opens in a new window)

• Clerical Officer (Podiatry)

Sheffield, S13 7LY

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clerical Officer (Podiatry) job (opens in a new window)
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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) [9]

• Podiatry Clinical Lead (Diabetes)

Crawley, RH11 7DH Salary: £46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Clinical Lead (Diabetes) job (opens in a new</u> window) [10]

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 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Advanced Podiatry Practitioner MSK Advanced Practice Service (MSKAPS) job (opens in a new window) [11]

Senior Healthcare Assistant / Healthcare Assistant

Esher, KT10 8NA

Salary:

£25000.00 to £27000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Princess Alice Hospice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Healthcare Assistant / Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [12]

• Children's Support Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Tadworth, KT20 5RU Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: The Children's Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Children's Support Assistant (Healthcare Assistant) job</u> (opens in a new window) [13]

• Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Wigan, WN2 3HZ

Salary:

£23582.00 to £26158.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Wigan and Leigh Hospice <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)</u> job (opens in a new window) [14]

• Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Wigan, WN2 3HZ

Salary:

£23582.00 to £26158.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wigan and Leigh Hospice <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)</u> job (opens in a new window) [15]

• Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Wigan, WN2 3HZ

Salary: £23582.00 to £26158.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Wigan and Leigh Hospice <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)</u> job (opens in a new window) [16]

• 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 Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Pharmacy Assistant - Dispensing Assistant job (opens in a new window) [17]

• 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) [18]

Assistant Chaplain/Assistant Pastoral Support Worker

Maghull, L31 1HW

Salary: £29970.00 to £36483.00 Type: Bank Employer: Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Chaplain/Assistant Pastoral Support Worker</u> job (opens in a new window) ^[19]

HealthCare Assistant /Therapy Assistant Islington Urgent Response

London, N19 3YU

Salary:

£30039.00 to £31088.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Whittington Hospital NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for HealthCare Assistant /Therapy Assistant Islington Urgent Response job (opens in a new window) [20]

• 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) [21]

• 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) [22]

• 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) [23]

• Healthcare Assistant

Stevenage, SG1 3HT Stevenage, SG2 7QX

Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: King George Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [24]

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) [25]

• Healthcare Assistant

London, NW10 5UY Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Primary Care Management Solutions Ltd Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [26]

• 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) [27]

• Care Assistant

Chipping Campden, GL55 6DR Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [28]

• 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) [29]

• 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) [30]

• Care Assistant

St Peter, JE3 7HQ Salary: £15.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [31]

• Care Assistant

Rendlesham, IP12 2TP Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [32]

• Care Assistant

Elstree, WD6 3RG Salary: £12.50 Type: Permanent Employer:

• Healthcare Assistant

Carlisle, CA3 8SY Salary: £24500.00 to £30335.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Humankind Charity Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [34]

• Healthcare Assistant

Honiton, EX14 2NY Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Honiton Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [35]

• Healthcare Assistant

Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9JP Salary: £25253.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Elysium Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [36]

• Care Assistant

Redhill, RH1 5BA Salary: £12.22 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [37]

• Care Assistant

Taunton, TA4 1AB Salary: £12.80 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [38]

• Healthcare Assistant

Leeds, LS14 6GG Salary: £12.72 Type: Permanent Employer: Foundry Lane Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [39]

• Nursing Assistant

Torquay, TQ2 7AA Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Devon Partnership NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Nursing Assistant job (opens in a new window) [40]

• Healthcare Assistant

Devon, EX39 4BB Salary: £23615.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Marie Curie Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [41]

• Pharmacy Assistant

Leeds , LS12 2TJ Salary: £24669.00 to £28690.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Practice Plus Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Assistant job (opens in a new window) [42]

• 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) [43]

• Housekeeping Assistant

Chertsey, KT16 9FS Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Housekeeping Assistant job (opens in a new window)

• 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) [45]

• Care Assistant

Norwich, NR5 8BF Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [46]

• 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)

• Physiotherapy Assistant

Chippenham, SN15 2AJ Salary: £24486.00 to £26155.00 Type: Permanent Employer: HCRG Care Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Physiotherapy Assistant job (opens in a new window)

• GP Assistant

Cheltenham, GL53 0LA Cheltenham, GL52 6HS Cheltenham, GL54 5GZ Cheltenham, GL52 8RP Cheltenham, GL52 7YU

Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Cheltenham Peripheral Network Apply now on NHS Jobs for GP Assistant job (opens in a new window) [49]

Assistant Psychologist

Wolverhampton, WV3 9DW

Salary:

Negotiable

Type: Permanent

Employer:

Aurora Care and Education Opco Ltd Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [50]

• 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) [51]

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) [52]

• Domestic Assistant

Chichester, PO19 6SE Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer:

• 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) [52]

Domestic Assistant

Chichester, PO19 6SE Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279) Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic 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]

• Healthcare Assistant

Hoddesdon, EN11 8BQ Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [55]

• Assistant Technician

Wakefield, WF1 4DG Salary: £24465.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Technician job (opens in a new window) [56]

• 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) [57]

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) [58]

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) [59]

• Healthcare Assistant

Bangor, LL57 2PW Salary: £23970.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [60]

Administration Assistant

Sheffield, S2 3QE Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Administration Assistant job (opens in a new window)

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