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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 Footcare Assistant Apprenticeship

London, NW5 2TX

Salary: £30039.00 to £31088.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Footcare Assistant Apprenticeship 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 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) [6]

#### 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) [7]

#### 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) [8]

#### 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) [9]

#### • 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) [10]

#### • 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) [11]

#### • 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) [12]

#### • 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) [13]

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) [14]

#### • 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) [15]

#### • 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) [16]

#### • 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) [17]

#### • 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) [18]

#### • Kitchen Assistant

Rendlesham, IP12 2TP Salary: £12.21 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Kitchen Assistant job (opens in a new window) [19]

#### • Care Assistant

Droitwich Spa, WR9 7SS

Salary: £12.25 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [20]

#### • 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) [21]

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) [22]

#### • 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) [23]

#### • 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)

#### 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) [25]

#### • 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) [26]

#### • 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) [27]

#### • 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) [28]

#### • 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) [29]

#### • 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) [30]

#### • 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) [31]

#### • Care Assistant

Camberley, GU15 2LN Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Care Assistant job (opens in a new window) [32]

#### 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) [33]

#### • 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) <sup>[34]</sup>

#### 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) [35]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

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

Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Island City Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [36]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

Kettering, NN16 8JZ Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Dryland Medical Centre

#### • Assistant Practitioner

Exeter, EX2 5DW Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [38]

#### • 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) [39]

#### Domestic Assistant

Bangor, LL57 2PW Salary: £23970.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [40]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

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Salary:
Negotiable
Гуре:
Permanent
Employer:
Primary Care Management Solutions Ltd
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [41]

#### • 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) [42]

#### • Domestic Assistant

Coventry, CV1 3LN

Salary: £24169.00 to £24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

NHS Property Services Ltd Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [43]

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#### Domestic Assistant

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [44]

#### • Practice Assistant

Cambridgeshire, CB6 1JU

Salary: £13.00 to £15.00 Type: Permanent Employer: St George's Medical Centre Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Assistant job (opens in a new window) [45]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

Pershore, WR10 1PS

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [46]

#### • Maintenance Assistant

Sheffield, S10 2JF

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Maintenance Assistant job (opens in a new window) [47]

#### • Healthcare Assistant

Wales, NP22 5NF Salary: £12.60 Type: Permanent Employer: Cygnet Health Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [48]

#### • Dialysis Assistant

Blackburn, BB1 2PW Salary: £24683.00 to £27758.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Diaverum Apply now on NHS Jobs for Dialysis Assistant job (opens in a new window) [49]

#### • 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) [50]

#### Domestic Assistant

Northampton, NN5 6UD

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [51]

#### Domestic Assistant

Durham, DH1 5TW Salary: £12.21 Type: Bank Employer: CDD Services (Synchronicity Care Ltd) Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [52]

Penrith, CA11 8HW Salary: £23536.50 to £27300.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Lakes Medical Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [53]

#### • Administration Assistant

Bridgend, CF31 1RQ Salary: £24433.00 to £26060.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Administration Assistant job (opens in a new window) [54]

#### Domestic Assistant

Harrogate, HG2 7SX Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Harrogate Integrated Facilities Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [55]

#### Recruitment Assistant

Oxford, OX3 9RD Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Recruitment Assistant job (opens in a new window) [56]

#### Reservations Assistant

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HP2 7YU Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: OSD Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Reservations Assistant job (opens in a new window)

#### • Healthcare Assistant

Waterlooville, PO7 7AH Waterlooville, PO7 8NS Waterlooville, PO7 6AL

Salary: £12.34 to £13.17 Type: Permanent Employer: Vine Medical Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [58]

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