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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 pay system, typically starting on band 2 or 3.

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London, SM4 5DX

Salary:

£25147.00 to £27596.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Central London Community Health Trust

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Podiatry Service Manager

Liverpool, L9 7AL

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Clerical Officer (Podiatry)

Sheffield, S13 7LY

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals 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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Podiatry Clinical Lead (Diabetes)

Crawley, RH11 7DH

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust

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Extended Scope Podiatrist, Biomechanics & Podiatry

Hackney, E8 4SA

Salary:

£47411.00 to £54857.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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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

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Practice Service (MSKAPS) job (opens in a new window) [10]

Senior Healthcare Assistant / Healthcare Assistant

Esher, KT10 8NA

Salary:

£25000.00 to £27000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Princess Alice Hospice

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Children's Support Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Tadworth, KT20 5RU

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Children's Trust

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Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Wigan, WN2 3HZ

Salary:

£23582.00 to £26158.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wigan and Leigh Hospice

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Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Wigan, WN2 3HZ

Salary:

£23582.00 to £26158.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wigan and Leigh Hospice

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Practice Development Assistant (Healthcare Assistant)

Wigan, WN2 3HZ

Salary:

£23582.00 to £26158.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Wigan and Leigh Hospice

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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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Assistant Chaplain/Assistant Pastoral Support Worker

Maghull, L31 1HW

Salary:

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£29970.00 to £36483.00
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Type:

Bank

Employer:

Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust

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HealthCare Assistant /Therapy Assistant Islington Urgent Response

London, N19 3YU

Salary:

£30039.00 to £31088.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Whittington Hospital NHS Trust

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Care Assistant

Auchtermuchty, KY14 7FG

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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Theatre Assistant

Oldham, OL2 6QW

Salary:

£27601.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HealthHarmonie

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Hospitality Assistant

Bosham, PO18 8PN

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Salary:
       £12.35
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Aria Care
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    Healthcare Assistant

 Stevenage, SG1 3HT
 Stevenage, SG2 7QX
 Salary:
       Negotiable
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       King George Surgery
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Care Assistant
 Liss, GU33 7RR
 Salary:
       £12.60
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Aria Care
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    Healthcare Assistant

 London, NW10 5UY
 Salary:
       Negotiable
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Primary Care Management Solutions Ltd
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    Care Assistant

 Farmoor, OX2 9NL
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Salary:

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£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
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    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) [27]

    Healthcare Assistant

 Clacton-on-Sea, CO14 8JU
 Salary:
       £25155.00
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Elysium Healthcare
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    Healthcare Assistant

 Kendal, LA9 6AA
 Salary:
       £26728.00
 Type:
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Permanent
 Employer:
       Elysium Healthcare
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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) [30]
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) [31]
Care Assistant
 Elstree, WD6 3RG
 Salary:
       £12.50
 Type:
       Permanent
 Employer:
       Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.
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    Healthcare Assistant

 Carlisle, CA3 8SY
 Salary:
       £24500.00 to £30335.00
 Type:
       Permanent
  Employer:
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Healthcare Assistant

Honiton, EX14 2NY

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Honiton Surgery

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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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Healthcare Assistant

Leeds, LS14 6GG

Salary:

£12.72

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Foundry Lane Surgery

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Nursing Assistant

Torquay, TQ2 7AA

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

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Healthcare Assistant

Devon, EX39 4BB

Salary:

£23615.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Marie Curie

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Pharmacy Assistant

Leeds, LS12 2TJ

Salary:

£24669.00 to £28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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Healthcare Assistant

Halesowen, B63 4WD

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Halesowen Medical Practice

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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) [43]

Housekeeping Assistant

Chertsey, KT16 9FS

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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[44]

Healthcare Assistant

Keswick, CA12 4DB

Salary:

£12.31 to £13.06

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Castlehead Medical Centre

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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

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Physiotherapy Assistant

Chippenham, SN15 2AJ

Salary:

£24486.00 to £26155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HCRG Care Group

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Assistant Psychologist

Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 4ND

Salary:

£31049.00 to £37796.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Psychologist job (opens in a new window) [49]

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) [50]

Assistant Psychologist

Wolverhampton, WV3 9DW

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aurora Care and Education Opco Ltd

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Catering Assistant

Bodelwyddan, LL18 5UJ

Salary:

£23970.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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Healthcare Assistant

Weybridge, KT13 8DW

Salary:

£13.00 to £15.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Catering Assistant

Bodelwyddan, LL18 5UJ

Salary:

£23970.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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Healthcare Assistant

Weybridge, KT13 8DW

Salary:

£13.00 to £15.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Phoenix Family Practice

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Domestic Assistant

South Shields, NE34 0PL

Salary:

£25779.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

City Hospitals Independent Commercial Enterprises Ltd (CHoICE)

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Domestic Assistant

Chichester, PO19 6SE

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)

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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) [56]

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) [57]

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) [58]

Catering Assistant

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Catering Assistant job (opens in a new window) [59]

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) [60]

Domestic Assistant

Hardwick, TS19 8FR

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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