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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]

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) [5]

• Podiatry Apprentice

Ipswich, IP3 0AZ

Salary: £21889.00 Type: Apprenticeship Employer: Suffolk GP Federation CIC Apply now on NHS Jobs for Podiatry Apprentice 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 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) [8]

• Specialist Podiatrist - Musculoskeletal Podiatry

Swansea, SA1 5AT Salary: £37898.00 to £45637.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Swansea Bay University Health Board <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Specialist Podiatrist - Musculoskeletal Podiatry job</u> (opens in a new window)

• Band 8a Service clinical manager podiatry

Birmingham, B74BN

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS FT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Band 8a Service clinical manager podiatry job (opens in a new window) [10]

Perioperative Assistant/Theatre Nursing Assistant

Oxford, OX3 9DU

Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Perioperative Assistant/Theatre Nursing Assistant job (opens in a new window) [11]

• Health Care Assistant/General Practice Assistant

Cambridge, CB2 1RG Cambridge, CB29FN

Salary:

£25079.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Trumpington Street Medical Practice

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Health Care Assistant/General Practice Assistant job (opens in a new window) [12]

Medical Laboratory Assistant / Healthcare Science Assistant

Derby, DE22 3NE

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

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) [13]

• 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) [14]

• 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) [15]

Domestic Assistant

Darlington, count Durham, North East, DL1 2LJ

Salary: £26208.00 to £26208.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cygnet Health Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [16]

• 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) [17]

• 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) [18]

• 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) [19]

• 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) [20]

• 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) [21]

• 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) [22]

Administrative Assistant

Fleet, GU51 4NB Salary: £12.50 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Administrative Assistant job (opens in a new window)

• 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) [24]

Healthcare Assistant

Woodbridge, IP12 3BF Salary: £28690.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Practice Plus Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Healthcare Assistant job (opens in a new window) [25]

• 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) [26]

• 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) [27]

Nursery Assistant

Sutton In Ashfield, NG17 4JL

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Nursery 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

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) [30]

• Radiographic Assistant

Exeter, EX2 7JG Exeter, EX2 5DW

Salary:

£24169.00

Type: Permanent

Employer:

Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Radiographic Assistant job (opens in a new window)

• Facilities Assistant

Shaftesbury, SP7 8BD

Salary:

£10312.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Facilities Assistant job (opens in a new window) [32]

Domestic Assistant

Northallerton, DL6 1JG Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [33]

• Domestic Assistant

Tunbridge Wells, TN2 4QJ Salary: £24169.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [34]

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) [35]

• 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) [36]

• 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) [37]

• Events Assistant

Luton, LU1 2NF Salary: £12.08 Type: Bank Employer: NHS Blood and Transplant Apply now on NHS Jobs for Events Assistant job (opens in a new window) [38]

• Assistant Practitioner

Norwich, NR6 5BE

Salary:

£26530.00 to £29114.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Norfolk & Suffolk Foundation NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [39]

• 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) [40]

• 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) [41]

• 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) [42]

• 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) [43]

• 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) [44]

• Catering Assistant

Llantrisant, CF72 8XR Salary: £23970.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Catering Assistant job (opens in a new window) [45]

• Catering Assistant

Rhondda, CF40 2LX Salary: £23970.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Catering Assistant job (opens in a new window) [46]

• Domestic Assistant

Tunbridge Wells, TN2 4QJ

Salary: £23615.00

Type:

Permanent Employer:

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Domestic Assistant job (opens in a new window) [47]

• Administration Assistant

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) [48]

• 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) [49]

• 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) [50]

• 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) [51]

• 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) [52]

Research Assistant

Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 7AG Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Research Assistant job (opens in a new window) [53]

• 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) [54]

• 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) [56]

• Research Assistant

Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 7AG Salary: £26530.00 to £29114.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Research Assistant job (opens in a new window) [53]

• 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) [57]

• 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) [58]

• 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) [59]

• 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) [60]

• 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) [61]

Assistant Practitioner

Bronllys, Brecon, LD3 0LY

Salary:

£26928.00 to £29551.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Powys Teaching Health Board

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Assistant Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [62]

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