

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 assistant 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 Royal College of Podiatry ^[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 Apprentice**

Coxheath, ME17 4AH

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Apprenticeship

Employer:

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Administrator - Podiatry Team**

Clevedon, BS21 6FW

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sirona care & health CIC

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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 support worker**

Torquay, TQ2 5YH

Salary:

£24071.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Podiatry Deputy Clinic Manager**

Oxford, OX2 8TA

Salary:

£31049.00 to £37796.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Oxford Health NHS Trust

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- **Podiatry Clinical Pathway Lead - Nail Surgery**

Bristol, BS4 2UH

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sirona care & health CIC

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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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- **Theatre Assistant**

Oldham, OL2 6QW

Salary:

£27601.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HealthHarmonie

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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**

West Denton, NE5 5AY

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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- **Domestic Assistant**

Acresford, DE12 8AP

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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- **Care Assistant**

Rugeley, WS15 2EJ

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **GP Assistant**

Ilminster, TA19 9RX

Ilminster, TA19 9FE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Housekeeping Assistant**

Virgina Water, GU25 4BE

Salary:

£12.55

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Kitchen Assistant**

Chertsey, KT16 9FS

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Care Assistant**

London, SW19 6AB

Salary:

£13.35

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Healthcare Assistant**

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LS

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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- **Care Assistant**

Nuthall, NG8 6AX

Salary:

£12.27

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Care Assistant**

Chorleywood, WD3 5TQ

Salary:

£12.50 to £12.75

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Care Assistant**

Fishcross, FK10 3GN

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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- **Healthcare Assistant**

North Shields, NE29 0SF

North Shields, NE29 6HT

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

North Shields Primary Care Network

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- **Housekeeping Assistant**

Eastbourne, BN20 9AN

Salary:

£12.25

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Theatre Assistant**

Macclesfield, SK11 8DW

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Spire Healthcare Ltd

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- **Assistant Administrator**

High Kelling, NR25 6QA

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Hospitality Assistant**

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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- **Care Assistant**

Nuthall, NG8 6AX

Salary:

£12.27

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Healthcare Assistant**

Preston, PR1 5AB

Salary:

£24669.00 to £28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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- **Care Assistant**

Knowle, B93 9LQ

Salary:

£12.35

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Hospitality Assistant**

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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- **Catering Assistant**

Rushden, NN10 9YP

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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- **Therapy Assistant**

Basingstoke, RG24 9NA

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Care Assistant**

Beckenham, BR3 3FH

Salary:

£12.75

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Kitchen Assistant**

Cowgate, NE5 3AB

Salary:

£12.26

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Kitchen Assistant**

Jesmond, NE2 1TL

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Care Assistant**

South Gosforth, NE3 1SY

Salary:

£12.70

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Care Assistant**

Northampton, NN3 6QP

Salary:

£12.35

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

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- **Care Assistant**

Llanrwst, LL26 0HE

Salary:

£12.70

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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- **Facilities Assistant**

Exeter, EX2 5AF

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

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- **Healthcare Assistant**

Welshpool, SY21 0RT

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Caereinion Medical Practice

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- **Care Assistant**

Bristol, BS5 7PD

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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- **Care Assistant**

Blackwater, GU17 9HS

Salary:

£12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Care Assistant**

Llanrwst, LL26 0HE

Salary:

£12.70

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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- **Healthcare Assistant**

Charlwood, RH6 0BN

Salary:

£25058.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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- **Care Assistant**

Bristol, BS5 7PD

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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- **Care Assistant**

Elstree, WD6 3RG

Salary:

£12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Care Assistant**

Epsom, KT18 5XA

Salary:

£12.75

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Domestic Assistant**

Jesmond, NE2 1TL

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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- **Healthcare Assistant**

Welshpool, SY21 0RT

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Caereinion Medical Practice

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- **Facilities Assistant**

Exeter, EX2 5AF

Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Devon Partnership NHS Trust

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- **Care Assistant**

Northampton, NN3 6QP

Salary:

£12.35

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Domestic Assistant**

Jesmond, NE2 1TL

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Akari Care Limited

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- **Care Assistant**

Bassett, SO16 7AG

Salary:

£12.85

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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- **Domestic Assistant**

Sunderland, SR2 0NY

Salary:

£26101.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

City Hospitals Independent Commercial Enterprises Ltd (CHOICE)

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- **Radiographic Assistant**

Exeter, EX2 7JG

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Salary:

£24465.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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- **Nursing Assistant**

Hull, HU3 2JZ

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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- **Healthcare Assistant**

Doncaster , DN7 6EE

Salary:

£24669.00 to £28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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- **Dispensing Assistant**

Uttoxeter, ST14 7FN

Salary:

£12.79

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northgate Surgery

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- **Care Assistant**

Sompting, BN15 0DA

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aria Care

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○ Finance Assistant

Guildford, GU2 7XX

Salary:

£24937.00 to £26598.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

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○ Dietetic Assistant

Wakefield, WF1 4DG

Salary:

£27485.00 to £30162.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust

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