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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

Manchester, M22 4DH

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
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Orthotics Officer/Podiatry Assistant

Haverfordwest, SA61 1RN

Salary:

£24433.00 to £26060.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hywel Dda University Health Board

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Podiatry Administrator

Worcester, WR5 1JF

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

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Podiatry Apprentice

Ipswich, IP3 0AZ

Salary:

£21889.00

Type:

Apprenticeship

Employer:

Suffolk GP Federation CIC

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Podiatry Apprentice

Crewe, CW1 1AT

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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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) [9]

Senior Podiatry Admin Officer

Torquay, TQ1 3QH

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

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Specialist Podiatrist - Musculoskeletal Podiatry

Swansea, SA1 5AT

Salary:

£37898.00 to £45637.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Swansea Bay University Health Board

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Podiatry Booking Office Administrator

Chard, TA20 1YA Yeovil, BA20 2SU

Salary:

£24071.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

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Perioperative Assistant/Theatre Nursing Assistant

Oxford, OX3 9DU

Salary:

£24625.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Health Care Assistant/General Practice Assistant

Cambridge, CB2 1RG Cambridge, CB29FN

Salary:

£25079.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Trumpington Street Medical Practice

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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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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) [16]

Senior Palliative Care Assistant (Senior Healthcare Assistant)

Wolverhampton, WV3 9DH

Salary:

£24350.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Compton Care

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Senior Palliative Care Assistant (Senior Healthcare Assistant)

Wolverhampton, WV3 9DH

Salary:

£24350.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Compton Care

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Senior Palliative Care Assistant (Senior Healthcare Assistant)

Wolverhampton, WV3 9DH

Salary:

£24350.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Compton Care

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Nursery Assistant

Exeter, EX2 5DW

Salary:

£12.08

Type:

Bank

Employer:

NHS Professionals Limited

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Care Assistant

Eastbourne, BN20 9AN

Salary:

£13.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Therapist Assistant

Purley, CR8 2HJ

Salary:

£12.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Fairlie Healthcare Group

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Kitchen Assistant

Reading Road, GU14 6PR

Salary:

£11.45

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Healthcare Assistant

Birmingham, B15 3ED

Salary:

£23874.88 to £26397.29

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Modality LLP

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Care Assistant

Droitwich Spa, WR9 7SS

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Knowle, B93 9LW
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Salary:

£12.21

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Healthcare Assistant

WALSALL, WS2 9PS

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

InHealth Group

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Nursery Assistant

Slough, SL1 2BJ

Salary:

£24873.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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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) [29]

Care Assistant

Heath Hayes, WS11 7AD

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

Kent, DA7 4BE

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

DA14 6LF, DA14 6LF

Salary:

£11.55

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Dispensary Assistant

Coleford, GL16 8RH

Coleford, GL16 8HJ

Lydbrook, GL17 9LG

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Coleford Medical Practice

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Kitchen Assistant

Witherwack, SR5 5SX

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

Peterborough, PE7 8SJ

Salary:

£12.22

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Care Assistant

Ilkley Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7QZ

Salary:

£12.80

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Administrative Assistant

Fleet, GU51 4NB

Salary:

£12.50

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.

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Kitchen Assistant

Blackburn, BB2 1TU

Salary:

£12.60

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Cygnet Health Care

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Administration Assistant

Doncaster, DN4 0TG

Salary:

£12.21 to £12.61

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

The Scott Practice

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Housekeeping Assistant

Manchester, M280FE

Salary:

£24323.00 to £24529.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

St Ann's Hospice

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Administration Assistant

Wakefield, WF1 3SP

Salary:

£24071.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Trust

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Optical Assistant

Ilford, IG1 2ZN

Salary:

£25500.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

CHEC

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Healthcare Assistant

Woodbridge, IP12 3BF

Salary:

£28690.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Practice Plus Group

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Physiotherapy Assistant

Eastbourne, BN21 2UD

Salary:

£24625.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

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Healthcare Assistant

Manchester, M16 9RT

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Ashville Surgery

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Healthcare Assistant

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LS

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Healthcare Assistant

Clacton-on-Sea, CO14 8JU

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Healthcare Assistant

Southampton, SO30 3JB

Salary:

£24284.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Mountbatten Hampshire

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Nursery Assistant

Sutton In Ashfield, NG17 4JL

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Radiographic Assistant

Exeter, EX2 7JG Exeter, EX2 5DW

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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Pharmacy Assistant

Redditch, B98 7UB

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

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Facilities Assistant

Shaftesbury, SP7 8BD

Salary:

£10312.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

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Therapy Assistant

Liverpool, L9 7AL

Salary:

£24071.00 to £25674.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Therapy Assistant job (opens in a new window) [53]

Healthcare Assistant

Clacton-on-Sea, CO14 8JU

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Healthcare Assistant

Milton Keynes, MK6 5LS

Salary:

£25155.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Elysium Healthcare

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Radiographic Assistant

Exeter, EX2 7JG

Exeter, EX2 5DW

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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Facilities Assistant

Shaftesbury, SP7 8BD

Salary:

£10312.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

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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) [54]

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) [55]

Catering Assistant

Corby, NN17 2UN

Salary:

£24169.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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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) [57]

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) [58]

Domestic Assistant

Sunderland, SR4 7TP

Salary:

£25779.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

City Hospitals Independent Commercial Enterprises Ltd (CHoICE)

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