

# PODIATRY



STARTING PAY  
**£24,214**  
AFTER TRAINING

TRAINING A newly qualified podiatrist in the NHS will typically start on a salary of AfC band 5 **£24,214** outside of London. <sup>[1]</sup>



## What does a podiatrist do?

A podiatrist's primary aim is to improve the mobility, independence and quality of life for their patients. Imagine how amazing that feels! <sup>[2]</sup>

 **12,828**

12,828 podiatrists are registered with the Health and Care Professions Council. <sup>[3]</sup>

 **2,673**

There are approximately 2,673 podiatrists working for the NHS. <sup>[4]</sup>



## Entry requirements

To get onto a podiatry degree course or degree apprenticeship you usually need 3 A-levels, including a biological science (or equivalent level 3 qualifications) plus five GCSEs (grades 9-4/A-C), including English language, maths and science (or alternative qualifications at level 2). <sup>[5]</sup>



Standard working week in the NHS is  
**37.5 hours** <sup>[6]</sup>



**13 UK universities** offer full-time and part-time BSc (Hons) and MSc podiatry courses. <sup>[7]</sup>

## 'What they say'

"Podiatrists look after a wide range of problems that can manifest in the feet." <sup>[8]</sup>



Podiatry degree courses take **3 or 4 years** on a full time basis or four and a half years part time. Courses differ but all involve a lot of practical work with patients. <sup>[9]</sup>

Facts and figures taken from; [1] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/AfC](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/AfC) [2] [www.hcpc-uk.org/globalassets/resources/data/2019/registrant-snapshot---april-2019.pdf](http://www.hcpc-uk.org/globalassets/resources/data/2019/registrant-snapshot---april-2019.pdf) [3] [www.hcpc-uk.org/globalassets/resources/data/2019/registrant-snapshot---april-2019.pdf](http://www.hcpc-uk.org/globalassets/resources/data/2019/registrant-snapshot---april-2019.pdf) [4] <https://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB30075> [5] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/podiatrist/entry-requirements-and-training-podiatrist](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/podiatrist/entry-requirements-and-training-podiatrist) [6] [www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/afc](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/afc) [7] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/courses> [8] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/podiatrist/real-life-story-kerry-brown> [9] [www.careersinpodiatry.com](http://www.careersinpodiatry.com)