



JOB of the Week



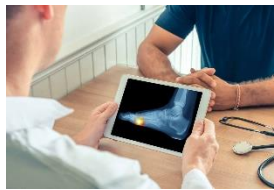
Job name: Podiatrist

Job description: As a podiatrist you'll enhance people's independence and quality of life through helping them improve their mobility. You'll provide preventative care, diagnosis and treatment of a range of problems affecting the feet, ankles and lower legs.

Tasks you will undertake in the job: As a Podiatrist, you'll:

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- assess, diagnose, treat and evaluate abnormalities and diseases related to the foot and lower limb in people of all ages
- provide treatment for high-risk patient groups such as the elderly and those with increased risk of amputation
- give advice and make referrals to other healthcare and social services professionals as appropriate
- use therapeutic and surgical techniques to treat foot and lower leg issues (e.g. carrying out nail and soft tissue surgery using local anaesthetic)
- prescribe, produce and fit orthotics and other aids and appliances
- deliver foot health education
- understand the mechanics of the body in order to preserve, restore and develop movement
- work with people in sports to address sports-related injuries to legs and feet
- use a range of equipment including surgical instruments, dressings, treatment tables, orthotic (inner sole) materials, lasers, grinders, shaping equipment, x-ray and video gait-analysis equipment (which allows for analysis of patients' walking or running problems)
- undertake a range of administrative tasks such as ensuring stock levels are maintained and securely stored, and that equipment is kept in good working order.



Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

Sectors in which Podiatrists would normally work:

You're likely to gain your first position and initial experience in the NHS working in a hospital department or clinic, health centre or GP surgery. Outside of the NHS, expansion of the private sector means that you could also work within: high street podiatry services; complementary therapy clinics; sports clubs; private clinics nursing homes; occupational health centres.

With experience, you may decide to set up your own private practice. It's also possible to go into research or teaching where you could be employed by universities, hospitals and clinics.

Salary: Podiatrists are typically paid a starting wage of £24 907, this increases with experience, skilled Podiatrists can expect to earn approximately £30 615 per year.



Working hours: Working hours are usually around 38-40 hours per week. It is likely that you will work during some weekends.

Qualifications to become a Podiatrist: To work as a podiatrist, you must be registered with the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC). In order to register you'll need to complete an HCPC-approved undergraduate or postgraduate (pre-registration) podiatry degree. Undergraduate degree programmes usually last three years (four in Scotland). You'll typically need three A-levels or equivalent qualifications, including a biological science, as well as five GCSEs (minimum grade 4/C), including English language, maths and science.

If you already have a degree in a healthcare or science-related subject such as biology, physiotherapy, occupational therapy or sports science, you could apply for an HCPC-approved pre-registration Masters degree. Entry requirements vary between courses, so contact course providers for details.

Courses are a combination of theory and practice and will include around 1,000 hours of clinical work with patients. It's also possible to take a degree apprenticeship in podiatry. Degree apprenticeships combine a paid apprentice job with study at degree level. Search the Find an apprenticeship or NHS Jobs websites for opportunities.

Essential skills you need to show: As a podiatrist, you will need to:

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This job in the future: The workforce is projected to grow by 8.7%, creating 1 700 jobs; in the same period, 53.7% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 10 400 job opportunities.

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www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors

www.ucas.com/careers-advice

www.kudos/cascaid.co.uk/#/ (you all have a log on for this service)

www.careersbox.co.uk (careers videos)

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