

Job of The Week

Podiatrist

Key Skills

- active listening skills
- customer service skills
- thinking and reasoning skills
- sensitivity and understanding
- the ability to use your initiative
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of medicine and how the body works
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Salary

£25,655 - £39,027

Working hours

38-40 per week
You could work weekends

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Most universities require you to have an A Level in Biology.

It would also be a good idea to take one or more of the following subjects at A Level:

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Psychology
- Physical Education

Top Tips

When you complete your course you gain UK state registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). You must have this to work in the NHS.

Apprenticeship

You can get into this role through a podiatrist degree apprenticeship.

This typically takes 4 years to complete as a mix of workplace learning and academic study at an approved university.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

2 to 3 A Levels, or equivalent, preferably including Biology, for a degree apprenticeship

University

You'll need to complete a degree in podiatry approved by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). If you already have a degree in a healthcare or science related subject, you can apply for an accelerated degree in podiatry.

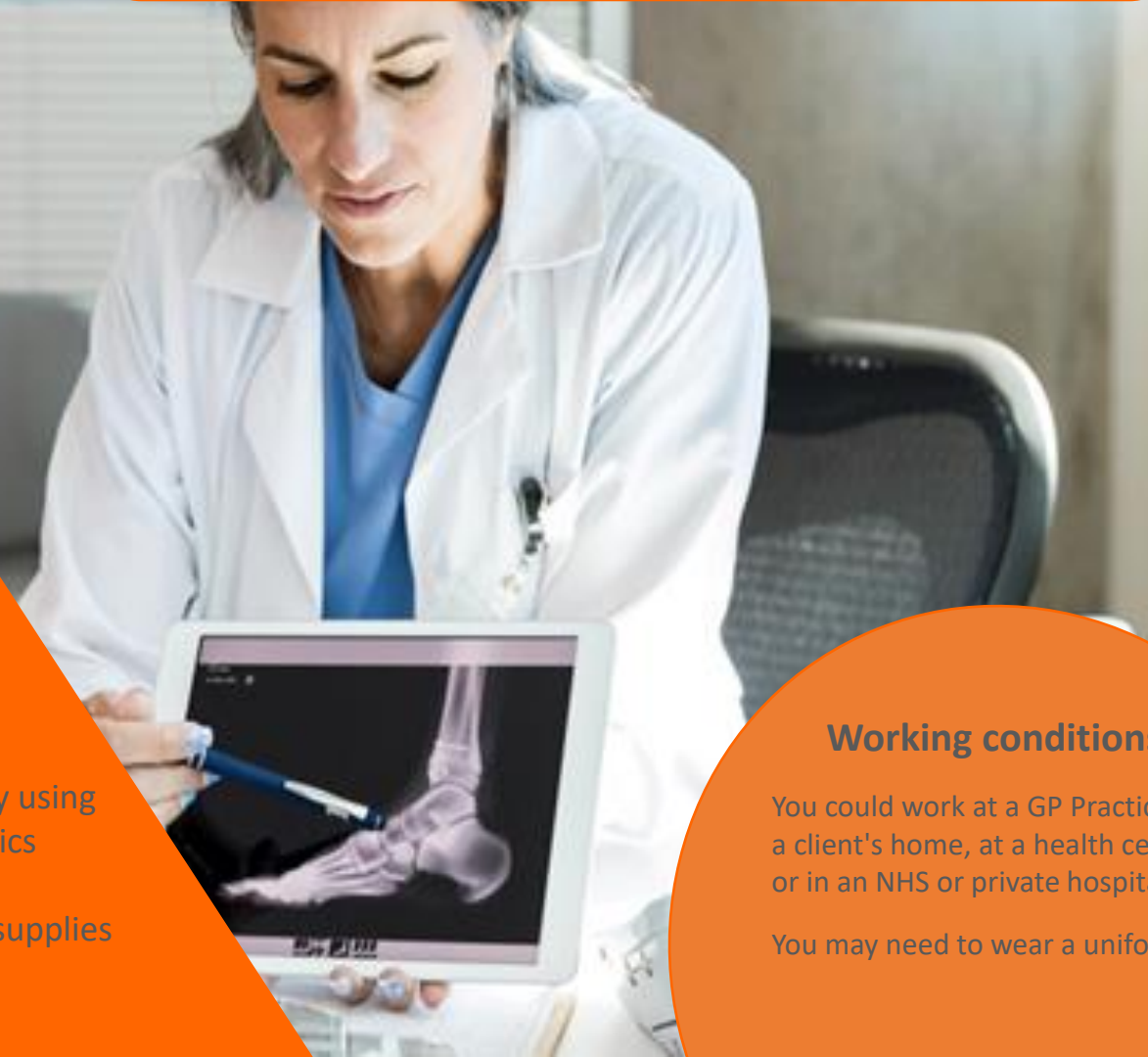
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Career path and progression

You could focus on a specialist area like sports injuries or working with children.

You could join a professional body to get access to training in areas like nail surgery, diabetes and wound care.



Day to Day tasks:

- supervise assistants
- screen children for foot problems
- discuss treatment options with patients
- diagnose and treat sports or dance injuries
- share information with other health professionals like GPs
- assess patients feet and lower limbs and diagnose conditions
- talk to individual patients about foot health, or give talks to groups
- carry out treatments and minor surgery using scalpels, chemicals and local anaesthetics
- do admin like keeping patient records, managing appointments and ordering supplies

Working conditions

You could work at a GP Practice, at a client's home, at a health centre or in an NHS or private hospital.

You may need to wear a uniform.

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Podiatrists	
Weekly Pay £730	Annual Pay £37,960
Hours/Week 22h	Hourly Pay £33
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 6.9%	Replacement 52.8%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 1,400 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 10,400 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Residential care Social work Arts & entertainment 	
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Physiotherapists	
Weekly Pay £750	Annual Pay £39,000
Hours/Week 34h	Hourly Pay £22
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 6.9%	Replacement 52.8%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 4,700 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 36,200 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Residential care Social work Public admin. & defence Sport & recreation 	
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Medical practitioners	
Weekly Pay £1,440	Annual Pay £74,880
Hours/Week 34h	Hourly Pay £42
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 6.9%	Replacement 52.8%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 21,300 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 162,500 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Public admin. & defence Membership organisations Retail trade Education 	
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Labour Market Information

Medical practitioners

Medical practitioners diagnose mental and physical injuries, disorders and diseases, prescribe and give treatment, recommend preventative action, and conduct medical education and research activities. They may specialise in particular areas of modern medicine or work in general practice and, where necessary, refer the patient to a specialist.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines patient, arranges for any necessary x-rays or other tests and interprets results;
- diagnoses condition and prescribes and/or administers appropriate treatment/surgery;
- administers medical tests and inoculations against communicable diseases;
- supervises patient's progress and advises on diet, exercise and other preventative action;

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Podiatrists

Podiatrists (formerly known as chiropodists) diagnose and treat ailments and abnormalities of the human foot and lower limb, deal with minor infections, injuries and deformities, and conditions resulting from other major health disorders such as diabetes.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines patient's feet to determine the nature and extent of disorder;
- provides vascular and neurological assessment for the long-term management of chronic disorders and high risk patients;
- administers local anaesthetic where appropriate;
- treats conditions of the skin, nails and soft tissues of feet by minor surgery, massage and heat treatment, padding and strapping or drugs;

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Physiotherapists

Physiotherapists plan and apply massage, promote and encourage movement and exercise, use hydrotherapy, electro-therapy and other technological equipment in the treatment of a wide range of injuries, diseases and disabilities in order to assist rehabilitation by developing and restoring body systems.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines medical reports and assesses patient to determine the condition of muscles, nerves or joints in need of treatment;
- writes up patients' case notes and reports, maintains their records and manages caseload;
- plans and undertakes therapy to improve circulation, restore joint mobility, strengthen muscles and reduce pain;
- explains treatment to and instructs patient in posture and other exercises and adapts treatment as necessary;

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Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

Working as a podiatrist



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvPFmW1aN4c&t=42s>

Life as a Diabetic podiatrist



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YFO7UQtUS8>

Podiatrist- Is it for me?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fA1Zb1AZSF4>

Apprenticeship Podiatry



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjldXEJyDeY>



Useful Websites

[Approved programmes | \(hcpc-uk.org\)](https://www.hcpc-uk.org)

[Royal College of Podiatry homepage \(rcpod.org.uk\)](https://www.rcpod.org.uk)

[The British Chiropractic and Podiatry Association \(bcha-uk.org\)](https://www.bcha-uk.org)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Search - UCAS](https://www.ucas.com)