

PODIATRIST (DEGREE) APPRENTICESHIP



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APPRENTICESHIP OVERVIEW



Podiatrists are registered healthcare professionals specialising in the lower limb (feet, ankles, legs). They help people of all ages deal with a range of mobility issues, relieve pain and treat infections.

Podiatrists work with other healthcare professionals such as physiotherapists, dietitians, GPs and nurses and in a range of settings from hospitals and community clinics to the homes of patients.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Entry requirements

The employer, in partnership with the university, will determine the selection criteria for apprentices. Typically they will require 3 A levels, a BTEC National Extended Diploma or equivalent access qualification.

Apprentices without level 2 English and maths will need to achieve this level prior to completing the end-point assessment.

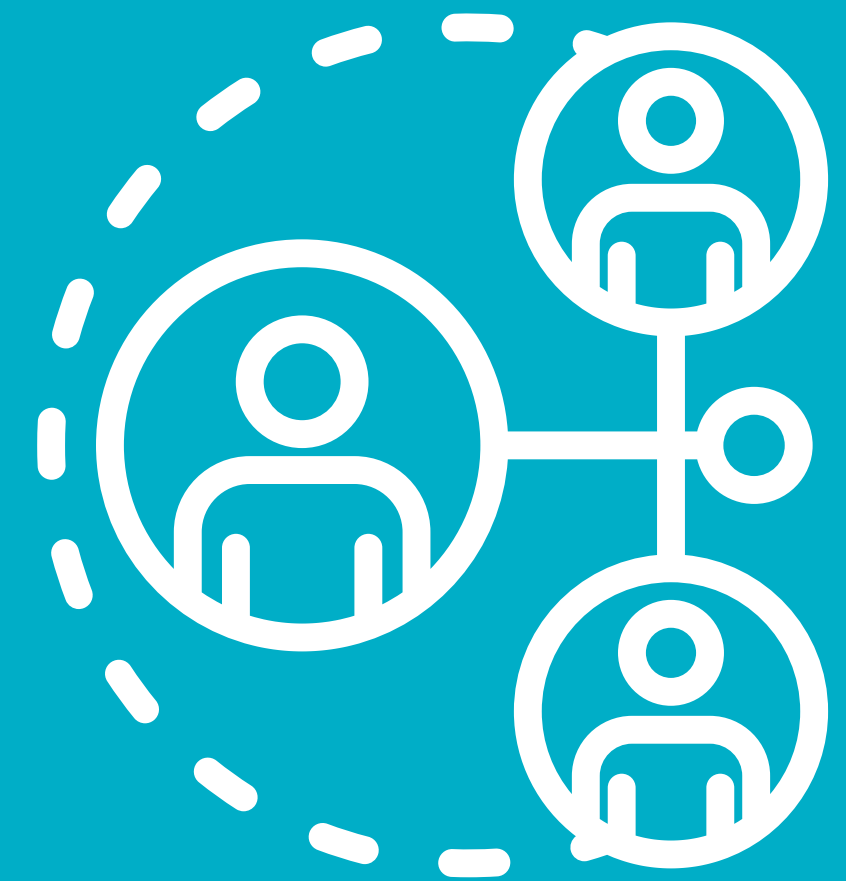
Qualifications

Apprentices will be required to complete a Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) approved BSc (Honours) or (where the apprentice already holds a level 6 honours degree) a pre-registration MSc in Podiatry

All apprentices must also pass the apprenticeship end-point assessment.

The apprentice must meet the 15 standards as set out in the Care Certificate during their apprenticeship.

REGULATOR AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES

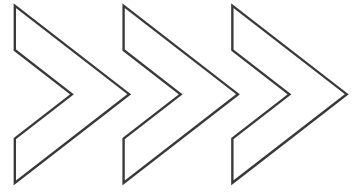


Podiatry is a profession regulated by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). The HCPC sets out the standards of proficiency which every Podiatrist must meet in order to become registered.

Once registered, Podiatrists must continue to meet the standards of proficiency that are relevant to their scope of practice - the areas of their profession in which they have the knowledge and skills to practise safely and effectively.

On successful completion of an approved programme, apprentices are eligible to apply to the HCPC for registration as a Podiatrist, which is a requirement to practice under the protected title of Podiatrist.

Podiatrists may become a member of a professional body like The British Chiropody and Podiatry Association (BCHA), The Institute of Chiropodists and Podiatrists (IOCP), The College of Podiatry (COP) and The Alliance of Private Sector Practitioners (APSP).



Training Provider

All providers who want to deliver apprenticeship training must be on the Apprenticeship Provider and Assessment Register (APAR). Employers must choose a provider from the Register.

Providers must meet a clear set of criteria in order to be included on the Register. These include financial health, capacity/capability and quality criteria. If a provider does not meet these criteria they will not be included on the Register.

[Click here](#) for a list of registered providers for the Podiatrist (Degree) apprenticeship.

Employers can also apply to the APAR to become an employer provider, find out more [here](#).



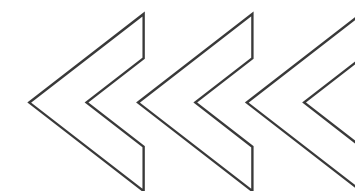
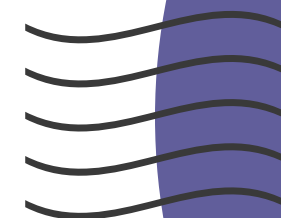
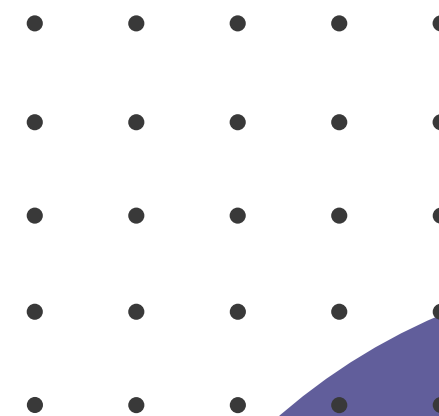
End point assessment

As part of their apprenticeship, apprentices will have to complete end point assessment.

The end-point assessment organisation will assess the apprentice in line with Podiatrist (Degree) End-point Assessment Plan. This ensures that all apprentices are assessed holistically to a consistent standard at the end of their apprenticeship.

Organisations offering end-point assessment will need to be registered on the Apprenticeship Provider and Assessment Register (APAR). As a degree apprenticeship, the end-point assessment for Podiatrist apprentices is integrated into the degree. This means that the end-point assessment organisation will be the university.

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APPLYING AND PROGRESSION ROUTES

Candidates interested in applying for the Podiatrist (Degree) apprenticeship should visit [NHS Jobs](#), [Find an Apprenticeship website](#) and the [Find apprenticeship training for your apprentice](#) website. It may also be worth contacting training providers directly to make enquiries about the apprenticeships they offer.

Podiatrist apprentices will be over 18 and may earn more than the minimum apprenticeship wage. Pay is determined locally so whilst it may be higher, it cannot be lower than this amount. [Click here](#) for more information on apprentice pay.

Once qualified Podiatrists in the NHS will typically earn between £24k - £30k. With experience and further training, Podiatrists can choose to specialise in sports injuries, diabetic footcare or work with children. Many will choose to work in the private sector, either for high street stores or as independent practitioners running their own business.

Podiatrists can move into teaching or management where they would be responsible for a team and manage budgets. There is also opportunity to train as a podiatric surgeon.



Case studies and resources



“I am over the moon by the fact that I can work in a paid patient facing role doing something I love.”

Lucy Beaumont - Podiatrist apprentice



More case studies

The HASO website has tools designed to help employers embed their apprenticeships, see resources below:



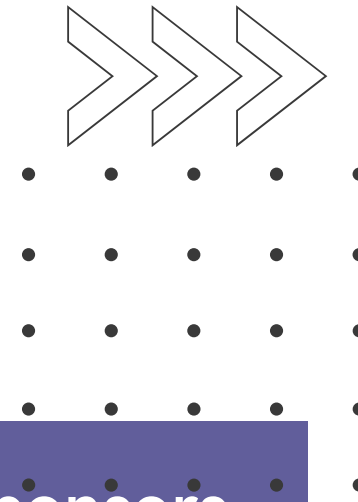
Toolkit - The toolkit is designed to support employers through the process, end to end, from setting out employers organisational strategy right through to when the apprentices are in the workplace.

Pathways tool - The pathways tool can be used to view different roles and how to move from one apprenticeship occupation to another.

Costing Calculator tool - The calculator tool can be used to work out the potential cost of delivering apprenticeships.



ABOUT HASO



NHS England (formerly Health Education England) sponsors the [Healthcare Apprenticeship Standards Online \(HASO\)](#) website. The website is hosted by Skills for Health and provides the health sector in England with a wide range of apprenticeship resources to train staff in clinical and non-clinical roles.

Apprenticeship standards are developed by employer-led Trailblazer groups in line with policy outlined by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. NHS England (formerly Health Education England) sponsors Skills for Health to facilitate a range of these employer groups. This standard was developed by a trailblazer group sponsored by NHS England (formerly Health Education England) and facilitated by Skills for Health.

Skills for Health is facilitating the development of several other apprenticeship standards for use in the health sector.

