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PODIATRIST



“ I have really enjoyed working as a community podiatrist as it allowed me to build up experience and to work with other professionals such as District Nurses, GPs, Health Visitors etc. ”

THE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TEAM NEEDS YOU

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Podiatrists specialise in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of disease and conditions affecting the feet and lower limbs. Their training enables them to assess the vascular, neurological and orthopaedic status of the patient's lower limbs. Following assessment, treatment is focused on relieving symptoms and maintaining functional independence.

After starting your career in general clinics where you will work with patients of all ages and medical conditions - Podiatrists play an important role in supporting older people to stay mobile and therefore independent - you could specialise in particular aspects of podiatry such as Biomechanics (assessing and treating musculo/skeletal abnormalities) or working with patients with more complex medical problems. Podiatrists are increasingly becoming involved in foot surgery.

Skills Required:

Being responsible for assessing and treating your own caseload of patients demands a high level of knowledge and expertise. Your training will ensure that you have the necessary clinical skills. However, personal qualities such as good communication skills and a sympathetic manner are also essential.

Training Programme:

BSc Hons Podiatry

University of Ulster undergraduate full-time three year programme

Entry Qualifications:

A minimum of 240 UCAS Tariff Points to include grades BC (to include grade B in one GCE science subject). Grade C or above in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent.

Career Pathway:

You may choose to specialise in a particular area of practice - increasingly, Podiatrists are involved in contributing to the care of patients who are considered "at risk" because of their medical condition. You could therefore choose to specialise in Diabetes, Rheumatology, Renal, Sports Medicine, working with children (Podopaediatrics) or take additional qualifications to be a Podiatric Surgeon.

Teaching or research are also options.

You could also move into management either within podiatry services or general management. As head of a podiatry service you would be responsible both for a team of staff and managing a budget.

Professional Recognition:

The course will be evaluated for accreditation by the Joint Quality Assurance Committee of the Chiropodists' Board of the Health Professions Council (HPC) and the Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists. On completion of the course students will be eligible for State Registration.

How to Apply:

For undergraduate full-time programme, application should be made through Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)

Web Links:

The University of Ulster – www.ulster.ac.uk

Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists – www.scpod.org

Health Professions Council – www.hpc-uk.org

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