

Academic Level	Podiatry Apprentice Indicative job plan and competencies to be developed and demonstrated over the four-year programme	To be completed by the end of the academic level
<p>Level 4 Job plan and clinical competencies</p>	<p>Objectives to build basic podiatric clinical and assessment skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical management and administration – record-keeping; managing appointments and waiting lists; stock control and maintaining safe clinical environments • Nail pathology caseload in clinical and home visit setting • Routine clinics alongside a qualified podiatrist for non-ulcerated patients using a scalpel to manage skin pathologies including: callous and corns; padding; offloading; deflection devices; simple insoles • Support specialist podiatrists on home visits and during ward rounds • Assist in nail surgery and diabetic foot clinics in community and acute settings • Offer holistic person-centred education. 	E
<p>Level 5 Job plan and clinical competencies</p>	<p>In addition to level 4, develop assessment and surgical skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New patient assessments for moderate-risk patients developing assessment skills • Vascular assessment clinics alongside a podiatrist • Nail surgery assessments and redress • Stable wounds redress clinics along with ulcer clinics. 	E
<p>Level 6 Job plan and clinical competencies</p>	<p>Job plan in addition to levels 4 and 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulcers – more complex • High-risk / complex patient assessment on patients with co-morbidities and complex podiatric needs • Administer local anaesthesia (LA) and perform surgery under supervision - once the apprentice has passed pharmacology • Basic biomechanics assessment and treatment planning. 	E

E = Essential