

Podiatry

Advising Sheet

Podiatric medicine involves the study of human movement and focuses on the medical care of the foot and ankle. A doctor of podiatric medicine specializes in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of foot disorders, diseases, and injuries. Podiatric doctors can often identify more serious health problems by examining the lower extremities, and therefore are often very important in preventative care and early detection of more serious health issues. Podiatrists can work in general or group practices, and may also specialize in pediatrics, geriatrics, sports medicine, or other care.

Four years of study are required in order to obtain a degree in podiatric medicine, with two years dedicated to the sciences, and the other two to clinical work and patient care. After graduating, students enter a residency for two to three years. A minimum of one year of postgraduate residency training in an approved healthcare institution is required, and two are needed for a board certification. Podiatric students in residency may choose specific rotations to go into, and may also become certified in a specialty.

Common Pre-Podiatry Prerequisite Courses

Biology	One Year of Coursework with Lab (dependent on your major)	BIOL 151 & BIOL 152
Chemistry	One Year of Coursework with Lab	CHEM 120A & CHEM 120B
Organic Chemistry	One Year of Coursework with Lab	CHEM 301A & CHEM 301B (LAB: 302)
Physics	One Year of Coursework with lab Please note: Undergraduate major may determine physics requirement	PHYS 211 (LAB : 211L) & PHYS 212 (LAB: 212L)
English	One year is required for most podiatry schools in the country.	ENGL 101 & ENGL 301

Suggested Courses

Mathematics	Math is not required but recommended.	Math 115/130/150A/150B/338
Genetics, Physiology, Molecular Bio, Microbiology, or Biochemistry	Basic or advanced level science courses are not required but recommended.	Genetics: BIOL 273 Physio: BIOL 310 (LAB: 310L) Molec Bio: BIOL 309 Microbio: BIOL 302 Biochem: Chem 421 (lab: CHEM 422) For biochem majors: CHEM 423A & CHEM 423B (LAB: 422)
Psychology	Not required but recommended. Check with individual schools. If the school requires an MCAT, then introductory psychology and sociology are highly recommended.	PSYC 101 SOCI 101

Application Timeline

When do I apply?

AACPMAS begins processing applications for Fall admission the following year the first Wednesday in August. The application and more information can be found on the AACPMAS website:

<http://www.aacpm.org/apply/apply.asp>

Deadline Dates: For priority consideration, the deadline is April 1st of each year for the upcoming cycle. The final AACPMAS deadline date is June 30th of each year for Fall admission of the same year.

How many years of residency will I need?

After graduating with four years of podiatric medical training, a residency training in an approved healthcare institution and passing parts one and two of the National Podiatric Board of Medicine Examination is required in nearly all states. At least three years of residency training are required for board certification. A residency can help students gain interdisciplinary experience with rotations such as anesthesiology, internal medicine, infectious disease, surgery, ER and pediatrics, as well as medical and surgical experiences depending on the specialty you are pursuing.

A Few Podiatry Schools...

Western University of Health Sciences	http://www.westernu.edu/podiatry/
Temple University	http://podiatry.temple.edu/
Barry University	https://www.barry.edu/podiatry/podiatry-medicine-school/admissions/
Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine	https://www.kent.edu/cpm/academic-requirements-0
California School of Podiatric Medicine (Samuel Merritt University)	http://www.samuelmerritt.edu/admission/dpm/prereq

Intent to Apply

The HPAO at CSUF offers this service to all Podiatry applicants each cycle. This service helps the student obtain a Chair/Committee letter from the Health Professions Committee on campus and proof reads all letters of recommendation before writers upload to professional Podiatry schools. The HPAO will also assist you in filling out your application. The Intent to Apply cycle always starts in February. The HPAO and the Career Center can also help with a practice mock interview. Please contact the HPAO for more information.

Resources:

On Campus: SHPA

CSUF Career Center- <http://www.fullerton.edu/career/>

Off Campus: American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA)- <https://www.apma.org/>

Today's Podiatrist- <http://www.apma.org/Learn/TodaysPodiatrist.cfm>

American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPMAS)-

<http://www.aacpm.org/apply/apply.asp>

Podiatric Medical Colleges- <http://www.cpme.org/colleges/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2425>

Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)- <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/>

Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)- <http://www.ets.org/gre/>



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