

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

PRE-PODIATRY

The field of podiatry is an area of medicine which is concerned with prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases and disorders affecting the human foot and its related structures.

Acceptance into one of the eight colleges of podiatry is very competitive. The pre-podiatry student will need excellent grades and will also have to score well on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), which is required before application. To enter a college of podiatric medicine, one must first complete at least three years or ninety semester hours of college credit at an accredited institution. Over 95 percent of the students who enter a college of podiatric medicine have a bachelor's degree. Many have also completed some graduate study. Colleges of podiatry generally require the following courses as the minimum for acceptance into their programs:

Potential podiatric medical students may be evaluated on the basis of their grade point average (GPA), performance on the MCAT (or in some cases the GRE), extra curricular and community activities, personal interview, professional potential, ect. Admission criteria may vary slightly by institution; therefore, contact the college(s) of your choice to obtain a copy of its catalog for specific requirements.

Actual minimum semester credit hour requirements for all of the colleges of podiatric medicine include the following prerequisites: (all but English requires a lab)

Biology	8-12*	105 as a prerequisite + additional coursework
Chemistry (General or Inorganic)	8	105 and 106
Organic Chemistry	8	235 and 335
Physics	8	107 and 108
Math	6-8	through 108 OR 104 and 106
English	6- 8**	WBIS +

***Dr William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine** requires 12 semester hours of Biological sciences.

****California School of Podiatric Medicine** requires 8 semester hours of English.

The science courses you take should be those designed for health professional students (pre-medical students), and **MUST** include laboratory experience. Brief survey courses in the sciences will not prepare you for podiatric medical school.

Additional courses in advanced biology as well as social sciences, humanities and mathematics are highly recommended. Please see an advisor for assistance in selecting courses. **Also, students are strongly encouraged to contact the podiatry school they plan to attend for information regarding that school's specific requirements.**

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Where do I study to Become a Podiatric Physician?

More information, including a list of podiatric colleges, is provided on the following pages. All of this information is available from the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric medicine and can be found on its web site.

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The doctor of podiatric medicine degree (DPM) is awarded after four years of study at one of the colleges of podiatric medicine. The colleges differ in size and location, although the curriculum leading to the DPM degree is quite similar at each institution. The first two years concentrate on classroom instruction and laboratory work in the basic medical sciences, such as anatomy, physiology, microbiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, and pathology. Third and fourth years of study focus on the clinical sciences and patient care judgment. Experience is gained in some of the finest podiatric clinics, hospitals, satellite clinics & professional office settings in the country. The following are a list of the AACPM's six member colleges. Highlight the school of your choice to learn more about this institution. Clinical courses include general diagnosis (history taking, physical examination, clinical laboratory procedures, and diagnostic radiology), therapeutics (pharmacology, physical medicine, orthotics, and prosthetics), surgery, anesthesia, and operative podiatric medicine.

Arizona Podiatric Medicine Program of Midwestern University
(Glendale, AZ)

Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine
(Miami Shores, FL)

California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt College
(Oakland, CA)

College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University
(Des Moines, IA)

Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine At Rosalind University of Medicine and Science
(Chicago, IL)

New York College of Podiatric Medicine
(New York, NY)

Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine
(Cleveland, OH)

Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine
(Philadelphia, PA)

How Do I Apply To A College of Podiatric Medicine?

The process of applying to the colleges of podiatric medicine is relatively simple. The American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM) sponsors a centralized application service known as AACPMAS which processes all applications submitted for admission to the eight member colleges of podiatric medicine. This service enables a student to apply to one, some, or all six of the colleges by submitting only one application. AACPMAS collects, computers, and collates application data including MCAT scores and grade point averages. The Service then forwards standardized applicant information to the colleges selected by each applicant. There is a fee associated with this service.