

Podiatric Medicine

<p>Nature of the Work</p>	<p>For descriptions of this profession see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Career Zone</i> tab of the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM) website (www.aacpm.org) • www.explorehealthcareers.org
<p>Course Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 year general biology • 1 year general chemistry • 1 year organic chemistry • 1 year general physics • 1 year English • Some schools require additional courses • MCAT: 1 semester each: genetics, cell biology, psychology and sociology; 2 semesters of biochemistry may substitute for cell biology
<p>Application Timeline</p>	<p>No Gap Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prerequisite courses completed by end of junior year • Apply during summer after junior year <p>Gap Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prerequisite courses completed by end of senior year • Apply summer after senior year
<p>Standardized Test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) • Take after prerequisite courses are completed • Website: https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/ • Given many times during the year (see website for schedule) • Register on-line • MCAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6.5 hour test ○ 4 sections, each scored 118-132: Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems; Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems; Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior; Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills • Receive scores approximately 30 days after test • AAMC Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>MCAT Essentials</i> ○ <i>The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam</i> ○ <i>The Official MCAT Self-Assessment Package</i> ○ Practice tests (first one free)

Application Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS) (www.e-aacpmas.org) • Available ~ August 1 • APPLY EARLY!!! Do not wait until application deadlines!
Admissions Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall and science GPA • MCAT scores • Letters of evaluation (often a letter from a DPM) • Podiatry experience • Interview
Length of Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Podiatry school: 4 years • Residency: 3 years
Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)
Additional Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM) (www.aacpm.org) • DPM Mentors Network (www.aacpm.org/contactpod) • American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) (www.apma.org)