

# PODIATRY

Podiatrists (Doctors of Podiatry, D.P.M.s) are specialists concerned with prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of injuries, diseases, and disorders affecting the human foot and its related structures. Most podiatrists work in private practice, but more are forming group practices with other podiatrists and health care professionals. Podiatrists also work in clinics and nursing homes, public health, industry, the federal government (military, VA, BIA, etc.), and on hospital staffs. Podiatrists specialize in areas such as sports medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, dermatology, radiology, or diabetic foot care. As primary care professionals, they are often the first to detect vascular, cardiopulmonary, endocrine, and ontological diseases.



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### **The American Podiatric Medical Association**

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www.apma.org

### **American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine**

1350 Piccard Drive, Suite 322  
Rockville, MD 20850  
1-800-922-9266  
www.aacpm.org

### **Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)**

www.aamc.org/students/mcat

### **CSU Premedica Club**

<http://hp.casa.colostate.edu/HP-clubs.aspx>

### **Human Health Pre-Professional Programs**

<http://hp.casa.colostate.edu/>

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## Center for Advising and Student Achievement



## Health Track Advising

## Professional Programs

There are nine accredited podiatry schools in the United States, each requiring four years for completion.

Training to become a D.P.M. is similar to the preparation for other physicians (MD and DO) The first two years are a continuation of classroom and laboratory work in the basic sciences. The final two years are devoted to clinical training in the various fields of podiatric medicine. D.P.M.s enter a two year residency in a specialty area.

**For more information about specific podiatry schools contact: [www.aacpm.org/](http://www.aacpm.org/)**

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## Admission Requirements

**Admissions requirements are GENERAL and may differ from school to school. Please contact the individual schools to discuss specific admissions requirements.**

- Minimum of 90 semester credits of college education (most applicants have a bachelor's degree)
- Competitive cumulative and prerequisite GPA
- Competitive Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)
- Application submitted to AACPMAS or individual program
- Letters of recommendation
- Interview

### Typical Academic Requirements

General Biology (2 semesters with labs)  
General Chemistry (2 semesters with labs)  
Organic Chemistry (2 semesters with labs)  
General Physics (2 semesters with labs)  
Mathematics (Sometimes Calculus)  
English Composition (2 semesters)  
Highly recommended courses:

### Recommended CSU Courses

LIFE 102 & another lab-based biology  
CHEM 111/112 and CHEM 113/114  
CHEM 341 and CHEM 343/344  
PH 121 and PH 122 **OR**  
PH 141 and PH 142  
MATH 155 or 160  
CO 150, CO/JTC 300/01  
BC 351, BMS 300/02, BMS 301, BIO 310, OT 215