

Pre-Podiatry Students

Podiatrists study human movement with a specific focus on care of the foot and ankle. Podiatric practitioners can be found in surgery, sports medicine, biomechanics, geriatrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, and primary care. Following the completion of a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) from a podiatric medical program, students spend 24-36 months in a Podiatric Medicine or Surgery Residency.

Podiatric colleges have similar requirements to medical school. Students must also take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) to be considered for admissions. The admissions requirements for each podiatric program may differ; therefore it is important for students to research the specific requirements for their schools of interest.

Application Process: Students interested in podiatry school should plan to complete the MCAT in the spring of their junior year or summer before senior year. The application process begins with the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine's Application Service (AACPMAS) in the summer/fall of their senior year. Prior to the application process, students should research the required prerequisite coursework, residential restrictions, application requirements, and deadlines for each school of interest.

	Prerequisite Coursework	Drake Course
FR	Biological Sciences	BIO 012: General/Pre-Professional Biology I & Lab (Fall) BIO 013: General/Pre-Professional Biology II & Lab (Spring)
	Inorganic Chemistry	CHEM 001/003: General Chemistry I & Lab (Fall) CHEM 002/004: General Chemistry II & Lab (Spring)
	Mathematics	MATH 050: Calculus I (Fall, Spring)
	Composition	First Year Seminar (Fall) Written Communication AOI (Fall, Spring)
SO	Organic Chemistry	CHEM 097/098: Organic Chemistry I and Lab (Fall) CHEM 108/110: Organic Chemistry II and Lab (Spring)
	Physics	PHY 011: Physics I & Lab (Fall) PHY 012: Physics II & Lab (Spring)
JR or SR	Recommended Courses (mostly General Elective & Professional Elective)	BIO 095: Medical Microbiology (S) or HSCI 163: Pharmacology (F) BIO 103: Microbiology & lab (S) PHAR 130: Biochemistry (F) HSCI 105: Issues IV (S) PHAR 132: Pathophysiology (S) HSCI 125: Physiology & Lab (S) PSY 001: Intro to Psychology (F, S) HSCI 140: Patient Assessment (F) SOC 001: Intro to Sociology (F, S) HSCI 141: Anatomy & lab (F)

ADDITIONAL PODIATRY SCHOOL RESOURCES

American Podiatric Medicine Association – <http://www.APMA.org>
AACPMAS – <https://portal.aacpmas.org/>
American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine – <http://www.aacpm.org>
MCAT – <http://www.aamc.org/mcat>