



January 2012 E-Newsletter

**On behalf of everyone at NYCM, we wish you a very
happy New Year!**





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Open House and New York Podiatric Clinical Conference



Our next Open House is on Saturday, January 28th and will be running in conjunction with the 2012 New York Podiatric Clinical Conference in Times Square. It promises to be a vibrant event bringing together 2,000+ Doctors of Podiatric Medicine, residents, students, and assistants from across the country and internationally.

The conference is being held January 27-29 at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square. It will feature three days of intensive, hands-on wet labs/workshops, scientific lectures, panel discussions and roundtables with experts and peers. Education sessions will address a variety of subjects such as wound care, surgical techniques, biomechanics, and a variety of specialized areas of podiatric medicine that keep DPM's current and offer education in cutting-edge technology to ensure quality patient care.

Also featured will be a two-floor exhibit hall with over 250 booths displaying products, services, and technology relevant to the field. Many exhibitors will also be offering free samples and giveaways.

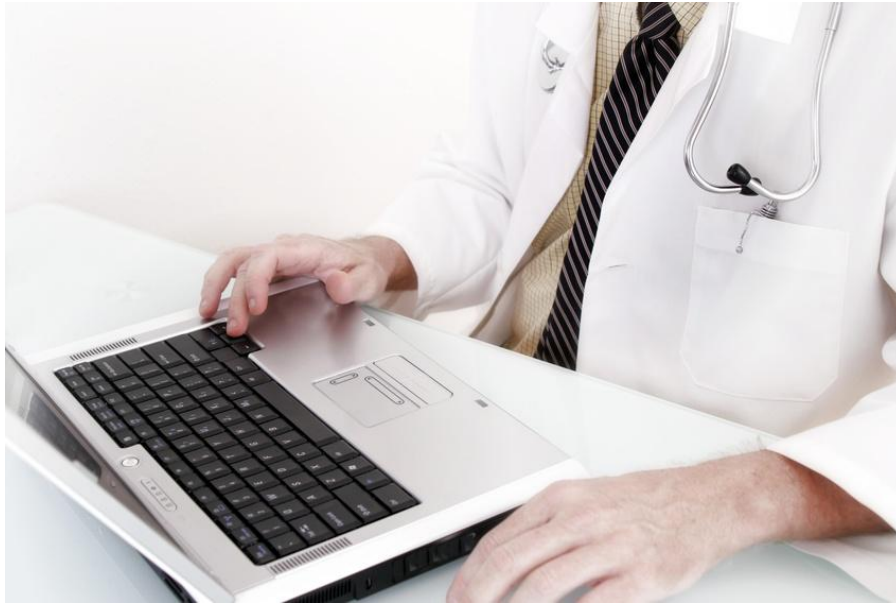
We welcome you to attend both of these (free) events. To learn more about the Open House and register, go to www.nycpm.edu/openhouse.asp.

I am applying for September 2012, but I'm not taking the MCAT until spring. Will this affect my chances?



Taking the MCAT in the spring of 2012 will not necessarily affect your likelihood of acceptance due to our rolling admissions policy. If you plan to wait to take the MCAT so that you are better prepared, you should take it no later than May 2012 for fall admission.

Does NYCPM offer conditional acceptances for those who haven't taken the MCAT?



Though we realize students are eager to interview and finalize their plans, NYCPM has a strict policy of not interviewing candidates without MCAT scores or verified transcripts. Because scores sometimes do not meet the applicants' expectations, we believe it is in the applicants' and our best interest to interview only those with complete applications, who meet the minimum requirements.

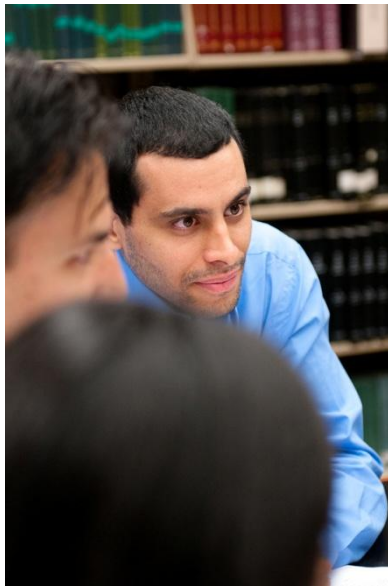
NYCPM's Location: Where is it, and is it safe?



NYCPM is located in Manhattan in the neighborhood of Harlem, one of New York City's oldest and most historical districts. Resting between Park and Madison Avenues on 124th Street, NYCPM is a small, secured campus consisting of two buildings. Outside the doors of the College you will encounter a huge variety of people. New York City is known for its diversity which makes for a fascinating scope of humanity found almost nowhere else in the United States. New York City, and Harlem in particular, carries many inaccurate and unwarranted reputations. In fact, New York City was ranked the safest large city in the United States in 2010, according to the FBI's crime report for that year.

In order to thrive in such a diverse community, students should always keep an open mind. Each individual neighborhood in New York City is unique, so visiting students should try to see as many different areas of the City as possible. Also, keep in mind that New York City is home to some of the most prestigious health care facilities in the world. NYCPM is affiliated with many of these hospitals, so our students have access to many opportunities that would not be available in other smaller cities.

Student Interview



Name: Mina Hanna

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Undergraduate College: Rutgers University

Graduating Class: 2014

What made you decide to pursue a career in podiatric medicine?

I have always had a strong interest in medicine, but I became drawn to podiatry when I attended an internship at NYCPM. During the internship, I shadowed in the Foot Center of New York and in Metropolitan Hospital, where I witnessed and learned about disorders ranging from bunions, hammer toes, and fungus to medical injections and surgeries. While shadowing, I saw patients enter the clinic with unbearable pain and leave the clinic painless because of the instant treatment. I was astonished by how skilled the 3rd-year students were as they were treating patients on their own. This experience made me realize how specializing right away will enable me to get involved and interact with patients as quickly as possible.

What made you decide to attend NYCPM?

NYCPM is one of the oldest podiatry schools, and with age comes experience. Also, having a clinic in the school is one of the main benefits that makes NYCPM stand out compared to other schools. Another reason that I choose NYCPM was because of the 99% APMLE Pass Rate that students had when I was applying. This showed me that NYCPM excelled at both preclinical and clinical education. Having a great Internship experience, seeing the closeness of different class years, and the school being located in New York City added to my decision-making.

What was the transition from undergrad to medical school like?

Transitioning from undergrad to medical school seemed difficult at first because of the increased volume of material and exams, but because of the exam schedule I was able to maintain focus and keep up with all the material. Coming to medical school I learned how to manage my time better. Also NYCPM offers scribes' notes and video captures for each lecture, which makes getting all the information from the professors much easier. The main difference between college and medical school is the large volume of material, not so much the difficulty of the courses.

What is your favorite part about being a student at NYCPM or in NYC in general?

My favorite part about being an NYCPM student is being able to learn and interact outside the classroom. NYCPM offers a variety of clubs that students can be part of, including Surgery, Wound Care, Sports Medicine, Flag Football etc. Being part of these clubs, I get a chance to practice suturing, take biopsies, and learn how to apply skin grafts for wound healing. With these workshops and presentations I was able to start my clinical experience from day one.

What activities are you involved in at NYCPM?

I'm involved in many activities at NYCPM. As a Student Ambassador, I am able to represent NYCPM and promote the field of podiatry. I am also the National Delegate for SNMPA, where I am a liaison between the local chapter and the national chapter. As the Internal Medicine Club representative, I am able to update the class about meetings and upcoming events. Last but not least, I am on the Education Committee for Pathology II, where I am able to inform the class about what material will be on upcoming exams and dispute any questions that the class felt were unfair.

What advice do you have for incoming students?

Medical school is challenging, but as long as you keep up with the course materials everything will go smoothly. I recommend getting involved in clubs and attending events outside of school. This is a good way to interact with your peers and offers great learning and hands-on opportunities not available in the classroom.

NYCPM is currently accepting applications for admission. Start your application today by visiting <http://www.e-aacpmas.org/>.

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