



May 2010 E-Newsletter

January Entering Class

NYCPM is the only podiatric college to offer a January entering class. Students who choose this option will enroll in a 4 ½ year program starting with a decelerated 2 ½ year pre-clinical program. Instead of taking the normal 21 credits, students start off taking only 10 credits. The second term for students in this program occurs during the summer following the January term, and in their third term they join the September entering class, but with a modified schedule extending into the sophomore year. Tuition and fees are prorated for the January entering class to remain consistent with those for all other full-time students.

Students who graduate in December, who took the MCAT too late or those who have been out of school for some time may be especially interested in starting in the January class.

Summer Pre-Matriculation Program

NYCPM sponsors a six-week pre-matriculation program for prospective or entering students who may benefit from an early exposure to the rigorous podiatric medical curriculum. Besides helping to facilitate the adjustment to the academic rigor of medical school, the Pre-Matriculation program provides exposure to the field of podiatry for students considering a career in the health professions.

This program is designed to serve students who want to strengthen their academic performance, to provide a “head start” for academically disadvantaged students, for non-traditional students

who have been out of school for a number of years, and to serve as an admissions tool to determine a candidate's academic suitability.

Students will gain exposure to a sample of various Pre-Clinical courses as well as clinical training, introducing students to the complexities and nuances of patient care. Exams are given in each subject, and a final grade of 80 or higher is passing.

Tuition for the pre-matriculation program is currently \$700, payable at the time of registration, and is non-refundable.

Financial Aid

Going to medical school is a significant investment, and most students need financial aid in order to afford it. Thankfully, NYCPM offers a number of ways to help students fund their medical education including federal loans, federal work-study programs, and scholarships. Loans are awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need while scholarships are given out on the basis of academic performance, test scores, leadership, community service, and other guidelines. Over 90% of NYCPM students receive some form of financial aid.

Financial aid is awarded on the basis of an academic year which consists of two semesters. The academic year for First-Year students begins in September and ends in May.

Students must apply for financial aid each academic year. The amount of financial assistance is subject to adjustment, each year, depending on the student's financial need and the availability of funds.

In order to be eligible for Federal financial aid, a student must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credits or more), be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, not be in default or owe a refund on any U.S. Department of Education Title IV grant or educational loan, and maintain satisfactory academic standing.

All students interested in applying for financial aid must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

For more information on financial aid, please go to <http://www.nycpm.edu/financial.asp>.

Upcoming Open House

If you were unable to come to New York for the March Open House, you are not out of luck! We have one more date this spring, on **Saturday, May 22nd**.

Attendees will have the opportunity to have breakfast with current students, listen to presentations by a DPM, a student, and an admissions representative, and take a tour of the College and Foot Center of New York. If you are interested in learning more about the field of podiatric medicine and/or NYCPM, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Register online at www.nycpm.edu or call 800.526.6966.

Meet a Professor



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What are your responsibilities at NYCPM?

I am an assistant professor in the department of Medicine at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine where I am involved with teaching 2nd, 3rd and 4th years in both the classroom and clinical setting. I am also the Faculty advisor to the Pi Delta Honor Society as well as member of many committees aimed at improving the college.

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

I was working towards my Master degree in biomedical sciences when I was turned onto podiatry and the Diabetes aspect. I started researching and investigating Podiatry as a profession and have never looked back.

What is your area of expertise?

I completed a comprehensive 3 year surgical residency in the field Of the Diabetic foot at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio which included training in wound care, Diabetic foot/limb salvage as well other aspect of general Podiatry/Surgical management of the Foot and Ankle.

What advice do you have for incoming students?

Once you have decided on pursuing any profession, dedicate yourself 100% to reaching your goal. Focus on not just memorizing to pass exams, but rather studying to understand and comprehend because memorization only lasts for weeks but comprehension lasts a lifetime. Have a thought process and always be working towards improving that through process by refining techniques, skills through practice. Lastly the mantra of any good student/resident is to READ, READ, READ. Good luck!