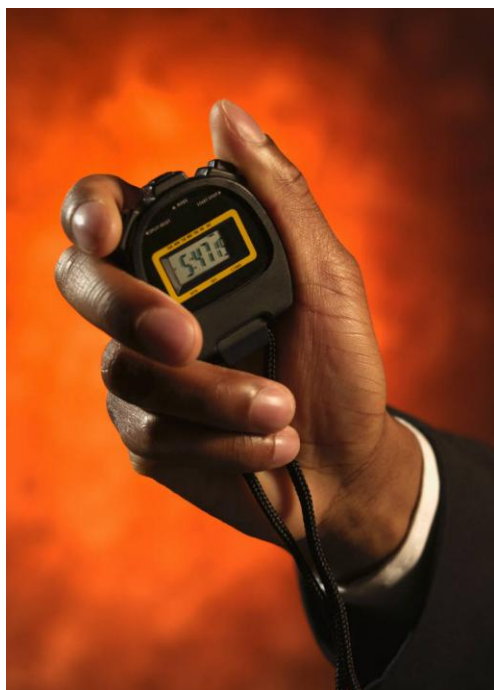




June 2011 E-Newsletter

Last chance to apply



The **class is nearly full** for this September, so unless you can submit your completed application in the next couple of weeks, you may want to hold off until next year.

If you don't make it in time for the fall, you can still **apply for January 2012**. The **deadline for January 2012 is November 30th**. Make sure to send in your transcripts

and MCAT to AACPM and your letters of recommendation directly to the Office of Admissions.

For more information on how to apply, visit <http://www.nycpm.edu/application.asp>.

Open House



If you want to find out more about the exciting field of podiatric medicine and learn more about what NYCPCM has to offer, please join us at our next Open House, coming up on **Saturday, June 4th at 9am**. This will be **the last Open House until the fall**, so don't miss out!

Attendees will have the opportunity to have breakfast, meet some current students, listen to presentations by a DPM, current 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 NYCPCM, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Register today by visiting our website at www.nycpm.edu.

Pre-Health Student Internship Program



Twice a year, NYCPM sponsors a four-day Pre-health Internship Program for undergraduate students interested in learning more about the field of podiatric medicine and what it's like to be a student here. Participants will have the opportunity to shadow in the Foot Center of New York, meet current NYCPM students, sit in on classes, attend workshops, practice suturing in one of our laboratories, and explore New York City. There is no fee to participate in the program, and housing is provided for those who do not live nearby.

In order to be eligible, students must currently be enrolled in a college or university and have completed at least 60 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.0. The next Pre-Health Internship Program is **August 1-4**, and the **deadline to apply is July 1**. **Download an application today** by visiting www.nycpm.edu/prehealth_internship.asp.



What are the advantages and disadvantages to applying without a Bachelor's degree?

With undergraduate tuition rates so high, many students are opting to forego their Bachelor's degree to begin their career in podiatric medical school sooner. Doing so is a personal decision that should be weighed carefully. There are advantages and disadvantages that must be considered.

One of the advantages to beginning podiatry school before finishing your undergraduate degree is that you can save a year's worth of tuition by not taking general education courses that won't pertain to your ultimate career goals. If you are certain that you want to be a DPM and will finish your medical degree, having the Bachelor's degree will not affect your practice as a DPM. Another advantage is being able to start your career sooner.

The disadvantage to beginning medical school without a Bachelor's is that if you do not finish your DPM degree, you will not have something else to fall back on, so you might have to go back to college to finish your degree. Also, if you are considering another Master's program in addition to your DPM degree, you will have to have a Bachelor's completed.

There have been a few students who have come to NYCPM without finishing their Bachelor's and have succeeded both in the classroom and after graduation. However, applicants without a Bachelor's degree should have higher than average grades and MCAT score to be competitive. Our admissions requirements state that students must complete 90 credit hours, including all of the prerequisites. As long as those hours are satisfied, applicants without a Bachelor's degree will be considered. Students applying without a Bachelor's degree should have a minimum cumulative and science GPA of 3.3.

If you are an undergraduate student considering this path, check if your college has an Articulation Agreement with NYCPM. If it does, you can start here after your junior year and complete your senior year at NYCPM, earning both your Bachelor's and DPM degrees in seven years. If your college does not have an Articulation Agreement with us, contact the Office of Admission to inquire about setting one up.

How would coming for an Exploratory Visit assist me in the application process?

If you are planning to apply in the future, you should consider scheduling an Exploratory Visit to not only learn more about podiatric medicine, NYCPM, and the Foot Center of New York, but also to leave a positive first impression and make yourself known to the Admissions Office.

During an Exploratory Visit, you have the opportunity to meet with admissions staff, students, and faculty. The faculty you meet may even end up being the same faculty who would interview you for admission into the program. Meeting with an admissions counselor allows you the opportunity to discuss your background, giving you an advantage in the application process.

While an Exploratory Visit in no way guarantees acceptance, it does weigh favorably for you. Exploratory Visits are held **Monday-Thursday at 11am**. Call the Admissions Office at **800-526-6966 x8098** to schedule one today!

Meet an NYCPM Student:



Name: Juliette Smith

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Undergraduate College: Washington & Jefferson College

Medical School Class: 2014

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

I decided podiatry was the career for me because my diabetic grandmother loved her podiatrist and he was so attentive and personal when she had to get her foot amputated. Also, the lifestyle and personalities of podiatrists were far more appealing than other medical professionals.

What made you decide to attend NYCPM?

I chose NYCPM for the excellent clinical experience it would offer me. And because it's in NYC, of course.

What was the transition from undergrad to medical school like?

It was a little tough. NYCPM has a much heavier course load, which meant a lot more studying and a lot less free time for other enjoyable activities. It was overwhelming at first, but I'm adjusted now.

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

I love how fast-paced NYC is. There's no place like it in the world, and it's a fantastic experience. My favorite part is there's always a new place to go, restaurant or bar to try and something to do. I can study in amazing places like Bryant Park when I am tied to my books, and when I have free time, the possibilities are endless.

What activities are you involved in at NYCPM?

I am the Student Ambassador Coordinator, was on the Education Committee and part of the Surgery and Sports Medicine Clubs.

What advice do you have for incoming students?

Don't let the course load get the best of you. Keep on top of it, but take time to relax and enjoy the city.

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