



Prospective podiatry students have many resources for gathering information about each podiatry school. You can gain primary knowledge by visiting the school in person. You can ask students and alumni for their opinions of the school. You can even visit websites specifically designed to guide you on your pre-med paths. The Admissions Office at New York College of Podiatric Medicine wants to be one of your resources for learning about the admissions process for podiatry school. Each month, our newsletter will feature new topics and questions posed by pre-podiatry students from across the country. Find out the answers to your questions directly from an Admissions staff member.

Can't travel to NYC? NYCPM reps may be visiting your college this fall

If you want to visit with an NYCPM Admissions representative, but you are unable to travel to New York City, you may have the opportunity to meet with someone at a college fair or presentation. We will be traveling throughout the country this fall, and we may be coming to a college near you. Below is a list of colleges we will be visiting in November. If you would like to find out more details about the event taking place at each location, please email enrollment@nycpm.edu. You are welcome to stop by the NYCPM table or attend a presentation by an NYCPM representative where you can have your questions answered about your individual situation.

School	Date
Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ	November 3
Northeastern University, Boston, MA	November 3
Springfield College, Springfield, MA	November 4
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, MA	November 12
Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, MA	November 12
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA	November 13
Brown University, Providence, RI	November 14
Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL	November 17
University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL	November 17
Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS	November 18
Richard Stockton College, Pomona, NJ	November 19
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	November 21

What do the four years of medical school at NYCPM actually look like?

Podiatric medical students encounter a nearly identical curriculum to the one allopathic medical students study. Students are required to take two years of pre-clinical sciences when they begin medical school. These courses include (but are not limited to) general anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, pathology, neuroanatomy, immunology, genetics, and bacteriology, followed by didactic clinical courses such as dermatology, anesthesiology, neurology, and pharmacology. Starting during the third year, students begin their rotations through the Foot Clinics of New York as well as our affiliated hospitals in the city, such as the Metropolitan Hospital Center, the Harlem Hospital Center, and Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center. Fourth-year students continue their rotations in General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, and General Radiology, and also complete four months of externships in various hospitals of their choice, nationwide.

Should I apply without having all of my prerequisites complete?

You are welcome to apply before you have completed all of your science prerequisites. However, you must complete the following prerequisites with at least a C- prior to matriculation if accepted.

- Biology (including lab) 8 Hours
- Inorganic Chemistry (including lab) 8 Hours
- Organic Chemistry (including lab) 8 Hours
- Physics (including lab) 8 Hours
- English 6 Hours

Once the Admissions Office has received your transcripts, MCAT or DAT scores, and your three letters of recommendation or Pre-Health Committee Evaluation, the Associate Dean of Admissions will determine your interview status. After this paperwork is received, you should hear back from the college within a week regarding your interview status.

How can I find a podiatrist to shadow in my area?

The Admissions Office has access to a large network of NYCPM alumni, and we would be happy to find a podiatrist in your area. We can give you the DPM's contact information, and you can speak with the DPM directly to arrange shadowing times. While some DPMs list their email addresses, calling always proves most efficient. When you call, let them know that you are interested in podiatry and would like to shadow the doctor if he or she would allow it. Then work with the individual doctor to create a schedule that is convenient for both of you. To find a DPM close to you, email admissions@nycpm.edu.

Meet an NYCPM Student

Student Name: John D. Kannengieser
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Medical School Class: 2012
Undergraduate College: Georgetown University

What was the transition from undergrad to medical school like?

The hardest part about the transition has been the large number of tests that we encounter here in podiatry school compared to undergrad. Since we have a twenty credit load this semester there are two tests almost every week. The large volume of tests presents the difficult task of juggling multiple strenuous topics at the same time.

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

As an undergraduate Health Studies major I had the general plan of pursuing a career in healthcare. After researching various careers I decided that podiatric medicine fit many of the criteria I was looking for in a career. The future outlook for the profession is bright, and the salary and lifestyle are on par with most other areas of clinical healthcare. What set podiatry apart from other areas is that it allows specialization at an early stage in education.

What made you decide to attend NYCPM?

My favorite part about being at NYCPM is the fact that we are in New York City. Living in New York City is an experience that I have wanted since I was a kid growing up on Long Island. The heavily trafficked onsite clinic at NYCPM and the close proximity to many great hospitals were two other strong factors.

What advice do you have for incoming students?

The best advice is to keep up with class and to balance studying among the various subjects. The workload piles up very quickly and it is important to stay current with the material. I believe it is important to keep a balanced

lifestyle involving primarily school but also involving leisure in order to not burn out focusing purely on the former.

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