November 2011 E-Newsletter

Travel Schedule

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 this month. 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.

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Is NYCPM still accepting applications for January 2012?

We are still accepting applications for January 2012, but the deadline is fast approaching! In order to be given full consideration, applications for January must be submitted online by November 30th. If you are missing a supporting document after the November 30th deadline, you can still be considered, provided you are able to submit it within a reasonable amount of time. Applicants will not be invited in for an interview until AACPMAS receives all official MCAT or DAT score reports and official college transcript(s).

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 Podiatric Clinical Conference in New York City. 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. Scheduled coffee breaks will make it easy to visit exhibitors who represent all aspects of podiatric practice and will be ready to discuss their products and services with you. 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 have multiple W’s or F’s on my transcript. How will this affect my application?

Many students find themselves in a very serious predicament when it is time to apply to medical schools because they ended up failing or withdrawing from multiple courses throughout their undergraduate years. The first thing a pre-med student with multiple F/Ws on their transcript needs to do is verify that all of the minimum science prerequisites were completed with a C or better. A science prerequisite completed with a D or F will not be counted toward the minimum 8 hours. If this is the case, that course will need to be retaken.

Being aware that admissions committees do not look favorably upon multiple F/Ws is wise, and though you cannot go back in time, you might be able to offset a couple of mistakes. If you have one semester left and flexibility in your scheduling, you should take (and succeed in) upper-level science courses, including anatomy, microbiology, biochemistry or physiology. Having taken upper-level science courses is always a positive attribute to an application.

A student with several D’s or F’s is at risk of having a low science GPA. Before submitting the application through AACPMAS, you can email or fax a copy of your transcript to an Admissions Representative, who can conduct a preliminary evaluation to determine how competitive of a candidate you would be. Please contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-526-6966 to do so.
Student Interview

Name: Paul Carroll
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Graduating Class: 2014

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

I decided to pursue a career in podiatry because of a guest lecturer who came to my undergraduate institution. He spoke about what podiatrists do on a daily basis and the wealth of new opportunities the podiatric field has. After hearing this I shadowed a podiatrist, who just loved his job and everything about it. At that point I was sold on the profession.

What made you decide to attend NYCPM?

I decided to attend NYCPM for several reasons. The first one being location. New York City has so much to offer. You will never get bored living in New York. In addition to the city, I grew up in Connecticut and it’s only an hour-and-a-half train
ride from school, and the same goes for my undergraduate college. Secondly, when I first walked into the school for my interview, everyone I spoke to was very friendly and helpful. The interview was well organized, which helped me feel more comfortable.

What was the transition from undergrad to medical school like?

The transition from undergrad was a little difficult at first, however, after the first week or so it wasn’t too hard. The biggest change was being in class most of the day Monday through Friday. The upperclassmen in the school were very helpful. Everyone asked how classes were going and if I ever needed help just to ask. The classes were more difficult but they were manageable. Even with the increased workload I was able to set aside time for myself.

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

The best part about being a student at NYCPM is the education we receive at school and the clinical experience we start third year. The information we receive in our classes is always up-to-date as are the clinical procedures we learn about. Having the onsite Foot Center of NY allows the students to encounter very unique foot problems. I think this is key in our training, we experience so much early on it greatly helps us later on in our careers.

What activities are you involved in at NYCPM?

I am currently involved in 5 clubs at NYCPM, and I’m also a Student Ambassador. The school offers a wide variety of clubs as well as research opportunities. I am the President of the Sports Medicine club and two activities I am doing with the
club are working at the NYC Marathon and running the school’s intramural co-ed flag football league. As a Student Ambassador, my responsibilities are to get the word out about NYCPM and our profession. I also give tours to prospective students and answer questions that any interviewing students may have. The school offers a great tutoring program, which I am happy to be a part of.

What advice do you have for incoming students?

I think it is important that incoming students shadow a podiatrist. It is important to understand our profession. Enjoy your summer before starting. I think it is important to relax and spend some time away from studying. It is also a good idea to email your upperclassman assigned to you by NYCPM’s Big Brother/Sister Program. The upperclassmen in the program will tell you what you need for school and answer any questions you may have.

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