



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 have traveled 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 December. 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
Georgetown University, Washington, DC	December 4
Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ	December 5
University of Medicine and Dentistry - New Jersey, Newark, NJ	December 10

I am a non-science major. Will this affect my chances of being accepted?

There is no special preference given to science majors over non-science majors. Students of all majors are encouraged to apply. All applicants must complete the same prerequisite science courses, and all are evaluated prior to interviews based on the same formula – Science GPA, Overall GPA, and MCAT or DAT scores.

What's the difference between Podiatric and Allopathic Medical School?

Both podiatric and allopathic medical doctors are required to complete four years of medical school followed by a full-time residency. Podiatric medical students and allopathic medical students spend their first two years taking pre-clinical courses. Below is a comparison of the courses taken by pre-clinical students in either a podiatric or an allopathic medical program. As you can see, the main difference between the two curricula is OB/GYN, which podiatric medical students do not have a specific class for (this information is touched upon in Pathology and Endocrinology instead).

Podiatric Medicine	Allopathic Medicine
Anatomy	Anatomy
Physiology	Physiology
Histology	Histology
Biochemistry	Biochemistry
Embryology	Embryology
Neuroscience	Neuroscience

Genetics	Genetics
Pathology	Pathology
Pharmacology	Pharmacology
Microbiology	Microbiology
Immunology	Immunology
Physical Assessment	Physical Assessment
Anesthesiology	Anesthesiology
Dermatology	Dermatology
Internal Medicine	Internal Medicine
Surgery	Surgery
Ethics	Ethics
Podo-pediatrics	Pediatrics
Psychopathology	Psychiatry
Nutrition	Nutrition
Radiology	Radiology
	OB/GYN

During their third year, both podiatric and allopathic medical students begin their clinical rotations. These rotations continue into the fourth year, during which both podiatric and allopathic students rotate through General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics and Radiology.

After graduation, all medical students must complete a residency. For podiatry students, most residencies are three years, with a surgical base. Podiatric residents work alongside residents from MD and DO programs. The first year of residency for podiatrists is very similar to the transitional allopathic residency program with rotations in Emergency Medicine, Radiology, Surgery, etc. The main difference is that podiatric medical students eventually focus on the lower extremity, whereas allopathic medical students may focus on a variety of different areas.

Is it too late to apply for September, 2009?

The admissions office is still accepting applications for September, 2009. We will continue accepting applications on a rolling basis until the end of May. However, applicants should not wait that long to apply! Because we accept students on a rolling basis, the sooner you send in your application, the more likely we will still have time to invite you in for an interview. When you are ready to apply, visit www.e-aacpmas.org and begin your online application. You will need to send your official transcripts to our office, as well as three letters of recommendation or a pre-health committee evaluation. Also, you will need to have your official MCAT or DAT scores sent to our office. If you are sending anything by mail, please address it as follows:

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Meet an NYCPM Student



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What activities are you involved in at NYCPM?

Student Council – Class Vice-President
Student Ambassadors
Foot Ball 2009 Planning Committee
Diabetes Club
Dermatology Club – Secretary
Education Committee
American Association for Women in Podiatry
Intramural Soccer
Flag Football

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

I worked for two years between college and medical school as a medical assistant and x-ray technician for a podiatrist in Long Island. The experience I got there made me realize that there are so many different areas within podiatry, such as wound care, biomechanics, dermatology and surgery. I found the field was continually changing and evolving, therefore always remaining interesting and never boring.

What made you decide to attend NYCPM?

I love New York and New York City. There wasn't a second thought to where else I would want to be. There is always something to do when you have some free time. New York City has so many different areas to explore and I find that I am never bored with this city! I was also especially drawn to the Foot Clinics of New York because of my love of working with patients. The experience that NYCPM has to offer when it comes to clinical experience is the best in the country.

What advice do you have for incoming students?

Make sure you know what you are getting into because starting on a path to being a doctor is a huge commitment. When you spend that week in your room without a break from studying... those are the days that you remember how much you love helping people and that it will all pay off in the end. If you don't have this commitment or love of the field of podiatry, it will make it harder to continue down this path.

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