



NYCPM
New York College of Podiatric Medicine

Get to Know NYCPM's Staff:

Lisa Lee, MA,

Dean for Student Services & Enrollment Management



Lisa Lee, MA, became Dean for Student Services & Enrollment Management on July 1 of this year, succeeding Laurence Lowy, DPM, who was Dean for Student Services; she retained her previous role as Dean for Enrollment Management. Ms. Lee wanted to keep her role in admissions to remain in contact with students during "their whole lifecycle" here, from initial interviews to orientation, to assisting students with academic and student life needs such as housing, through events for alumni.

Once the students are enrolled, Ms. Lee and Student Services work with students through their transition to life at NYCPM and New York City; she supports their personal needs too, she says, at times serving as a mentor and guidance counselor, getting to know the students personally. She values the in-depth experiences and continuum of contact with students that her dual roles permit. For students, Ms. Lee is a consistent presence they can rely on, from interview to first year and past graduation. As Dean for Student Services, she oversees all student programming; her deep knowledge of the students can help shape those programs.

To support students, this year, NYCPM and Ms. Lee are focusing on early intervention, helping first-year students who are having difficulties early, "so students can remain students here." The College is committed to making a strong effort to monitor students' performance and to reach out to them first, with offers of tutoring and counseling if needed; retention is key.

When asked how recently enrolled students differ from those in past classes, Ms. Lee says that the incoming classes are more diverse and that they come from all over the US, not just from the Northeast. She says that recent candidates have been specifically motivated to study podiatric medicine; they are bright, apply with competitive grades, and are well-rounded. What attracts students, she says, are NYCPM's excellent academics, the opportunity for superb clinical training, and the community within the College. Also, New York City itself is a draw; it offers great opportunities for students.

Ms. Lee has worked for NYCPM since 2001, starting as a recruiter and Assistant Director. Her contact with students begins at their initial interview (she personally interviews about 75% of all candidates) and goes past graduation to alumni cocktail parties and reunions. Now there's "no disconnect" she says, and that's the way she likes it.