



NYCPM
New York College of Podiatric Medicine

Get to Know NYCPM's Faculty:

Loretta M. Logan, DPM ('89), MPH

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Loretta M. Logan, DPM, MPH, has two main goals as an educator: to, with the help of her colleagues, prepare her students for entry into a post-graduate training program, with thorough training in orthopedics, biomechanics, gait analysis, pediatrics and physical and rehabilitation medicine, and to impart to them the elements of professional demeanor that are vital for competent podiatric physicians.

Her portfolio at NYCPM includes her position as Associate Professor

and Chairman of the Department of Orthopedics and Pediatrics. As Chair, her responsibilities include overseeing the delivery of sophomore-year courses in functional orthopedics I, biomechanics and podopediatrics I and junior-year courses in functional orthopedics II and III, sports medicine, podopediatrics II and physical and rehabilitative medicine. The junior year clerkships in Orthopedics, Pediatrics and Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine are also under her supervision. Dr. Logan loves teaching and working closely with students, particularly in interactive small-group settings. During the students' pre-clinical course (sophomore year) and within the Orthopedics Clerkship, her teaching or co-teaching includes hands-on workshops on the biomechanical exam, casting (for orthotics), orthotic materials, evaluating the shoe, below-knee casting, padding and strapping and problem-based learning. She is particularly excited about the recent upgrade to the Gait Lab. (See separate article above.) In addition, outside of her own department, Dr. Logan is also an instructor in the Department of Community Health and Medicine, where she gives lectures on Community Medicine.

A 1989 graduate of NYCPM, Dr. Logan earned her BS in biology from Barnard College in 1984, entered NYCPM in 1985, completed her residency at NYCPM as well, and started working at the College in 1991. Meanwhile she went back to school full time at night and earned her MPH from Hunter College in 1995. Dr. Logan became a full-time faculty member at NYCPM in July 1995. In addition to her many duties at the College, Dr. Logan maintains a part-time podiatric practice in Manhattan.

Dr. Logan learned about podiatry from a NYCPM recruiter she met at New York Medical College, where she attended a summer program while a student at Barnard. The recruiter made podiatry sound "fascinating," she says, and also characterized it as a field in which she could have a family and practice medicine. Dr. Logan agrees with the recruiter! She feels that po-

diatry as a profession allowed her to be fully in her children's lives. She said that she often is questioned by female students here about what it's like to be a female podiatrist and have a family.

Currently, Dr. Logan is on the New York State Board for Podiatry; she's in the final year of a 10-year term. First and foremost, the Board's goal is protection of the public, she says, as well as advising and assisting the Board of Regents and the State Education Department on matters of professional regulation, practicing issues, disciplinary cases, and licensing requirements.

Dr. Logan really enjoys her profession. She cherishes her ability to treat patients and loves interacting with students. She is thankful that podiatry has helped to provide a good life for her and her family. After over 25 years of practice, she states that she is pleased with how far the profession has come and is excited about its future growth.