



# NYCPM

New York College of Podiatric Medicine

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## ADMISSIONS E-NEWSLETTER

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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 the fall. If you would like to find out more details about the event taking place at each location, please email [enrollment@nycpm.edu](mailto: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.

School	Date
Felician College- Lodi, NJ	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>
St. John's University- Jamaica, NY	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
Baruch College- New York, NY	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
Ramapo College- Ramapo, NJ	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
Saginaw Valley State University- Saginaw, MI	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
Rutgers University- New Brunswick, NJ	November 6 <sup>th</sup>
Mercer University- Mercer, GA	November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Juniata College- Huntingdon, PA	November 10 <sup>th</sup>
University of Pittsburgh- Johnstown, PA	November 10 <sup>th</sup>
Duquesne University- Pittsburgh, PA	November 11 <sup>th</sup>

Bloomsburg University- Bloomsburg, PA	November 11 <sup>th</sup>
UMASS- Dartmouth- N. Dartmouth, MA	November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Smith College- Northampton, MA	November 13 <sup>th</sup>
Fairfield University- Fairfield, CT	November 16 <sup>th</sup>
New York Institute of Technology- New York, NY	November 17 <sup>th</sup>
Brandeis University- Waltham, MA	November 18 <sup>th</sup>
Boston College- Boston, MA	November 18 <sup>th</sup>
Pace University- New York, NY	November 19 <sup>th</sup>
York College- Jamaica, NY	November 19 <sup>th</sup>
Texas A&M- Corpus Christi, TX	November 19 <sup>th</sup>

## Application Procedures

NYCPM participates in the centralized application processing service of the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS).

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. In order to apply, all applicants for admission must do the following:

- Complete and submit an application online at [www.e-aacpmas.org](http://www.e-aacpmas.org) and submit the \$135 application fee to AACPM.
- Request final official transcripts of all prior postsecondary study directly from the registrar(s) of the institution(s) attended. Any course work still in progress at the time of application will require an additional transcript when completed. All transcripts should be sent to AACPM.
- Order official score reports from the MCAT.
- Request three letters of recommendation or pre-health committee evaluation. All letters of recommendation should be sent directly to NYCPM.
- Upon invitation, attend an admissions interview. The interview visit will also serve as an opportunity to tour the College and Clinic and meet with faculty and students.

All hard copy materials must be submitted to the following address:

New York College of Podiatric Medicine  
Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management  
53 E. 124th Street  
New York, NY 10035-1940

\*Deferments of admission up to one year may be granted by Lisa Lee, Associate Dean of Enrollment Management.

## January Class

NYCPM offers the opportunity for applicants to be considered for a January entering class. Those students entering in January will enroll in a 4 1/2 year pre-clinical program. The second term for students in this program occurs during the summer following the January term, and in their third term they join a September entering class but with a modified schedule extending into sophomore year. Tuition and fees are pro-rated for the January entering class to remain consistent with those for all other full-time students.

Students admitted to the January entering class are subject to academic standards appropriate to the course load for each term, as detailed in the Student Handbook. Successful compliance with these standards is necessary in order to remain in the January program.

## Interviews

Because there are far more applicants than openings, admission is selective and interview is by invitation only. Interview invitations are emailed to applicants approximately three weeks after the completed application has been submitted. Interviews take place Monday-Thursday at 9:30am and go until approximately 2pm. The interview day begins with the writing of a short essay (as a way for the Admissions Committee to learn more about the student), followed by a brief admissions presentation and overview of the rest of the day. Then, students will go into a series of two interviews with a member of the faculty and some current students. Following the interviews, candidates will have an opportunity to shadow in our Foot Center for 20-30 minutes. After shadowing, a current student will lead interviewees on a tour of the College and Foot Center of New York. By this time, everyone is getting hungry, so the interviewees are taken to the cafeteria for a complimentary lunch with one or two current students. This gives interviewees a great opportunity to get honest answers to all their questions from a student's perspective. Finally, the day finishes with a debriefing from an admissions officer where any final questions can be asked and any next steps are outlined.

## Meet an NYCPM Student:



**Student Name:** David Sipala

**Graduation Year:** 2012

**Hometown:** Montvale, NJ

**Undergraduate College:** Boston College

**Email:** dsipala@nycpm.edu

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

A very close family friend suggested looking into podiatry. Both his father-in-law and brother-in-law are successful podiatrists, so I was able to experience firsthand the exciting career that podiatry could provide.

### **What activities are you involved in at NYCPM?**

I am involved in a number of different clubs including the Sports Medicine club, the Surgery club, and the Wound Care club. I have extended my education beyond the classroom as these clubs have provided a great source of practical knowledge such as castings and stitching wounds. I am also a student ambassador at the school.

### **What was the transition from undergrad to medical school like?**

My undergraduate curriculum was one that was extremely stringent and time-demanding, a curriculum that is very much like the one at NYCPM. Therefore, my transition was extremely easy and smooth.

### **What made you decide to attend NYCPM?**

Upon visiting NYCPM, the most exciting moment that grasped my attention was when walking into the clinic. Seeing how busy it was in the middle of the week, I knew that when my time came to start rotations, I would see many patients every day. This was an experience that I would not be able to get at any other school's clinic.

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

I grew up in New Jersey just outside NYC. It has always been a dream of mine to live in the city, and now as a student at NYCPM I have that opportunity. I also believe that I will be seeing many patients of many different backgrounds all within one day. Very few other schools are able to offer that to their medical students.

### **What advice do you have for incoming students?**

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