



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 spring

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 February. 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 about your individual situation.

School	Date
University of Saint Thomas, Houston, TX	February 17
Rice University, Houston, TX	February 17
Spelman College, Atlanta, GA	February 18
Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA	February 18
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX	February 18
MIT, Cambridge, MA	February 19
University of Houston – Downtown, Houston, TX	February 19
American International College, Springfield, MA	February 20
Texas Southern University, Houston, TX	February 20
Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ	February 24
Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ	February 25
John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD	February 28

### Is shadowing a podiatrist mandatory in order to be admitted?

Shadowing a podiatrist is not a requirement for admissions, but it is highly recommended for a number of reasons. First, visiting a podiatrist and getting an idea of their daily schedule is one of the best ways to learn if

this career is right for you. Also, if you make a good impression on the doctor you shadow, they may be able to write you a letter of recommendation for your application to NYCPM. If you have any concerns about how to find a podiatrist to shadow, please contact [enrollment@nycpm.edu](mailto:enrollment@nycpm.edu) and we will be happy to help you find a DPM in your area.

## I'm not sure if my grades are good enough to get in. How can I find out?

If you are unsure about your overall GPA or certain grades, please contact the admissions office for a preliminary assessment of your transcript. We will ask you to fax or email your transcript (unofficial is fine) to our office, and then we will evaluate it for you. The results of this evaluation can help you determine whether you should apply immediately, whether anything is missing, and how to improve your grades.

## When is the next open house and how do I sign up?

Our next open house is on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. At this open house, students will be provided a continental breakfast where you can meet with admissions staff and current students. After breakfast, students will have the opportunity to listen to several speakers. These speakers will discuss the profession of podiatry as well as student life at NYCPM. They will also answer your questions. After the presentations, students will be led on a tour of the College and the Foot Clinics of New York. To sign up for the open house, please visit [www.nycpm.edu](http://www.nycpm.edu).

## 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](http://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?

Pi Delta National Honor Society – President: Responsible for organizing key podiatric lecture speakers to enhance our podiatric education.

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

I chose to go into podiatric medicine because of the diverse amount of sub-specialties within podiatry. I wanted to be a foot and ankle surgeon, and so I like that podiatrists are able to perform surgeries. Also, I like that DPMs have the ability to interact with other medical practitioners on a regular basis.

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

I knew that I wanted to stay in New York City, of course. But also, NYCPM has by far the best clinical experience of all of the podiatry schools. Getting that hands-on experience was really important in my decision.

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

The transition was extremely difficult at first, but you get used to studying every day. The first year curriculum is designed in a way that keeps students busy with multiple exams a week, and it helps you adjust to the medical school work load. I would suggest that incoming students take any advanced science classes that they can in undergrad. That would be a big help, because you will feel ahead in your classes in medical school. Also, shadowing a podiatrist is a must. It really gives you a good idea of what the profession is like.

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