Podiatry – D.P.M.

“As a podiatric physician, you would treat conditions affecting the lower extremities, providing palliative, acute, and chronic care. Often the first to recognize arthritis, diabetes, or heart disease, doctors of podiatric medicine engage in surgery on a regular basis -- an opportunity not available in other medical fields.

Podiatric physicians specialize in a variety of areas, ranging from primary care to sports medicine. Clinical venues include solo or group practice, hospitals, faculties of schools of medicine and nursing, the Armed Forces, Veterans’ Affairs, and the U.S. Public Health Service.” (Barry University)

After the 4-year DPM program, most states require a 2-year residency. The residency can allow a podiatrist to specialize. Areas of specialization include podiatric orthopedics, podiatric primary care, podiatric sports medicine, podiatric surgery, podopediatrics, and wound care and management.

Programs

• There are 9 accredited podiatric medical programs in the US
• A list of accredited schools can be found online
• The only program in Florida is at Barry University
• Contact information for the program at Barry University is:
  1-800-756-6000, ext. 3123, aerodriguez@mail.barry.edu

Admission Requirements

• On average matriculates to podiatric medical school have a 3.3 undergraduate GPA
• The MCAT is required and the average score for matriculates is about 21
• The required courses for the Barry University program are:
  o Biology with lab - 2 semesters
  o General or inorganic chemistry with lab - 2 semesters
  o Organic chemistry with lab - 2 semesters
  o Physics with lab - 2 semesters
  o English - 2 semesters
  o Also recommended are courses in Cell and Molecular Biology, Genetics, Anatomy, Physiology, and Biochemistry to strengthen pre-medical background knowledge
• Letters of Evaluation
• An application submitted via the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS)
**Timeline**
- The [AACPMAS](https://www.aacpmas.org) application becomes available in August and closes in the following June
- The MCAT must be completed before the application is considered
- Interviews generally take place in the spring after the application is complete

**Resources**
- [American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine](https://www.aacpm.org)
- [Podiatric centralized application service](https://www.aacpmas.org)