What is Podiatric Medicine?

- A Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM), known also as a podiatric physician, is qualified by their education and training to diagnose and treat conditions affecting the foot, ankle and related structures of the leg.
- Flexible work hours. On average, DPMs work 40-60 hours/week.
- DPMs are licensed in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico and practice in a variety of settings including but not limited to:
  - Private or Group Medical Practice, VA, HMO's, PPO's
- Strong demand, variety of cases, freedom of an entrepreneur.
Variety of Cases

- Surgery
- Trauma
- Limb salvage
- Amputation
- Prevention
- Sports Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Orthopedics

... And so much more
Podiatric Medical Education Pathway

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4 – Years of Undergraduate coursework
4 – Year Podiatric Medical School
3 – Year Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency
Podiatric Medical School

Year 1 & 2
- Basic Science Coursework
- Gross Anatomy, Biochemistry, Lower Extremity Anatomy
- Introductory Clinical Study

Year 3 & 4
- Clinical Skills, Patient Care
- Physical Diagnosis, Surgery, Neurology, Dermatology, Biomechanics, etc.
The Licensing and Certification Process for DPMs

• National boards are taken while in podiatric medical school.
  o Some states also require a written and/or oral exam prior to licensure. Board certification is available in podiatric primary medicine (ABPM) and in podiatric surgery (ABFAS).

• Podiatric physicians are **required** to complete a **3-year** comprehensive medicine and surgery residency program.
Fellowship Training
Post-Residency

• Diabetic Limb Salvage
• Sports Medicine
• Pediatrics
• Geriatrics
• Imaging
• Infectious Disease
• Advanced Surgery
  • Trauma
  • Reconstruction
Where Can You Study Podiatric Medicine?

- Miami Shores, Florida (BUSPM)
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (TUSPM)
- Erie, Pennsylvania (LECOM-SPM)
- New York, New York (NYCPM)
- Independence, Ohio (KSUCPM)
- North Chicago, Illinois (SCPM)
- Des Moines, Iowa (DMU-CPMS)
- Edinburg, Texas (UTRGV-SOPM)
- Glendale, Arizona (AZCPM)
- Oakland, California (SMUCPM)
- Pomona, California (WUCPM)
ONLINE RESOURCES


• Shadowing Opportunities: www.stepintopodiatry.com

• American Podiatric Medical Association: www.apma.org

• Council on Podiatric Medical Education: www.cpme.org

• To Apply: aacpmas.liaisoncas.com