

PRE-PODIATRY

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects shortages across the health care professions, including podiatrists. The profession is expected to grow by 23% over the next ten years, much faster than the average for other professions and due in large part to the needs of an aging population

Podiatrists, also known as doctors of podiatric medicine, diagnose and treat disorders, diseases, and injuries of the foot and lower leg to keep this part of the body working properly. Podiatrists may prescribe drugs, order physical therapy, set fractures and perform surgery as a routine part of their practice. Most podiatrists are in general practice; some specialize in surgery, orthopedics, primary care or public health. Podiatry school takes approximately four years of additional study and training after four years of college. At the end, students earn the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree.

There are only nine accredited schools of podiatry in the United States, and it is very competitive to get accepted for one of the very few open seats. Students should work with the Pre-Podiatry advisor starting in freshman year to ensure that they are completing the right milestones to make themselves an attractive applicant to podiatry school. It is important to understand which classes podiatry schools expect students to take during college and what types of work experience podiatry schools expect students to have before leaving college.

Read our Pre-Podiatry Fact Sheet (<http://uwm.edu/letters-science/programs?discipline=Pre-Podiatry>) to learn more about classes, extracurricular activities, and majors related to our Pre-Podiatry program. Pre-Podiatry is not a major, and students must still choose a major. Since most of the prerequisites necessary for application to podiatry school are in the sciences, many students choose a science major, though it is not required. Our Pre-Podiatry advisor works with students to ensure they understand all of the milestones that must be met at UWM in order to be a competitive applicant to podiatry school.

Requirements

UWM offers a special admission track to the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine (<https://www.rosalindfranklin.edu/academics/dr-william-m-scholl-college-of-podiatric-medicine>). Students who successfully complete admission requirements are offered early review and preferential admission to the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) program. In some instances, students may enter the DPM program after only three years of undergraduate study and transfer their first year of the DPM program back to UWM to complete their Bachelor's degree. Students who elect to follow a more traditional four-year plan are still given preferential admissions status.

In addition to the suggested coursework below, it is recommended that students take a few additional upper-level social/behavioral science courses.

Suggested Classes

Code	Title	Credits
BIO SCI 150 & BIO SCI 152	Foundations of Biological Sciences I and Foundations of Biological Sciences II	8

CHEM 102 & CHEM 104	General Chemistry and General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis	10
CHEM 343	Organic Chemistry	3
CHEM 344	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	2
CHEM 345	Organic Chemistry	3
PHYSICS 120 & PHYSICS 121	General Physics I (Non-Calculus Treatment) and General Physics Laboratory I (Non-Calculus Treatment)	5
PHYSICS 122 & PHYSICS 123	General Physics II (Non-Calculus Treatment) and General Physics Laboratory II (Non-Calculus Treatment)	5
ENGLISH 101	Introduction to College Writing	3
ENGLISH 102	College Writing and Research	3
COMMUN 103	Public Speaking	3
PSYCH 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Total Credits		48

Contact Information

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