



# Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Program Preview

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

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**Student Q&A Panel:**

Current DPM Students

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# WesternU Preview

## Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Agenda

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2:30 PM

**Brief Welcome**

Chris Calzada

2:35 PM

**Program Overview**

Dr. Estes

3:15 PM

**Admissions Overview**

Sarah Campos

3:30 PM

**Student Panel**

Current DPM Students





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## College of Podiatric Medicine

### 2020 Class Statistics and FAQ

Number of Applications Received	429
Number of Interviews Granted	135
Number of Students Enrolled	45
Average Overall GPA	3.27
Average Science GPA	3.18
Average MCAT	497

- **What is a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)?**

A Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) is a doctor specializing in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of foot disorders resulting from injury or disease. A DPM makes independent judgments, prescribes medications and performs surgery. The human foot has a complex interrelation with the rest of the body, which means that it may be the first area to show signs of serious conditions such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Since the podiatric physician is often the first to detect symptoms of these disorders, he or she becomes a vital and sometimes lifesaving link in the health care team.

- **Is there a demand for Doctors of Podiatric Medicine?**

Yes! Injuries sustained by an increasing number of men and women engaging in exercise and fitness have created a great demand for doctors of podiatric medicine. Ailments of the foot are among the most widespread and neglected health problems in our nation today. Additionally, the number of older Americans is increasing almost three times as fast as the rest of the population, and subsequently adds to the demand for podiatric physicians. Studies on manpower in the health professions indicate the need to increase the number of practicing podiatric physicians in the United States.

- **Is WesternU's College of Podiatric Medicine accredited?**

Western University of Health Sciences is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The College of Podiatric Medicine has received accreditation from the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME), an independent, specialized accrediting agency. The Council serves the podiatric medical profession by the authority of the American Podiatric Medical Association's House of Delegates.

- **How many students will you be accepting?**

We anticipate seating a class of approximately 50 students. Visit the competitive candidate profile page on our prospective student website for more information on the qualities we seek in our incoming students.

- **Will you offer a program or advanced standing credit for foreign-trained chiropodists?**

No, at this time, we are not offering a separate program or advanced standing for foreign-trained chiropodists. However, foreign-trained chiropodists who meet the prerequisite requirements may apply for admission into the first year after completion of the MCAT and documentation of college courses.

- **Is residency training required?**

The state of California requires a minimum of two years post-graduate residency training for licensure in addition to passing

Part III of the NBPME. As of July 1, 2008, the BPM will accept either the COMLEX or USMLE as equivalent licensing exams to the NBPME.

- **What can you tell me about the MCAT?**

The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) scores are required as part of your application file. MCAT scores are valid for up to three years. For more information about the MCAT, please visit the Association of American Medical Colleges website at <http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat>.

- **Can I submit my MCAT scores to WesternU now?**

All MCAT scores must be submitted to AACPMAS.

- **Where can I find information on Board Passage Rates, Graduation Rates and Residency Placement?**

Please visit our Board Passage Rates, Graduation Rates and Residency Placement page for the latest updates.

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# WESTERNU DOCTOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS AND CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist you in submitting all the required materials. Qualified candidates will be invited for interview on a rolling basis throughout the admissions cycle. Decisions will also be made on a rolling basis. **While the final application deadline is June 30, 2020, you are encouraged to apply early in the process.**

## Check

### \_\_\_ A) **SUBMIT APPLICATION THROUGH AACPMAS**

### \_\_\_ B) **RELEASE MCAT SCORES TO AACPMAS**

- It is very important that you include your AAMC ID number on your AACPMAS application so your scores will match up once they are released.
- It is also very important that you release your scores to AACPMAS.
- Scores are valid three years from the start of each application cycle.

### \_\_\_ C) **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

- Required: One recommendation letter of recommendation from a podiatric physician.
- Optional: One letter of recommendation from a Pre-Health Professions Committee or two letters of recommendation from Science professors.
- Letters should be sent directly to WesternU.
- When possible, please use the recommendation form on the Apply Now page.

### \_\_\_ D) **PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK**

- All applicants must completed the required coursework as listed on our website.
- All prerequisite coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or better (*a grade of "C-" or below is not acceptable*).
  - If you learn that you received a grade of "C-" or below in a prerequisite course, it is your responsibility to notify us right away to discuss how this affects your application/admissions status.
- Prerequisite courses may be in progress during the year prior to matriculation, but must be completed by the end of the spring term. Summer courses just prior to matriculation are not allowed.
- If your plans change, and you are unable to enroll in a course you listed as planned, you must notify us of the replacement course(s) so we can confirm that the new course(s) will meet our requirement.
  - If you do not provide us with the new course information, you risk enrolling in a course that does not meet our requirements, which could ultimately affect your admission to our program.

### \_\_\_ E) **TRANSCRIPTS**

Please send one complete set of official transcripts from all colleges, universities, and professional schools attended directly to AACPMAS.

### \_\_\_ F) **COURSEWORK COMPLETED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES**

Any coursework taken from non-U.S. institutions (including Canada) must be submitted to one of the below approved services for evaluation. Further details can be found on our website.

- World Education Services (212-966-6311)
- Josef Silny & Associates (305-273-1616)

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### **RE-APPLICANTS**

- You will need to submit a new set of official transcripts directly to AACPMAS.
- Please submit the required letters of recommendation as described above. You can carry forward any letters of recommendation submitted with your previous application but **you will need to submit at least one new letter.**
- If you have re-taken the MCAT since your last application, be sure to release your new scores to AACPMAS.

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### **OFFICIAL TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)-IF APPLICABLE**

- The TOEFL is required for all non-U.S. citizen applicants submitting coursework from foreign schools.
- EXCEPTION: The TOEFL exam will be waived for permanent and temporary residents of the United States who have completed the English prerequisite from an accredited institution in the United States.
- English courses taken from foreign countries whose native language is English will be accepted (e.g., Canada, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand and the British West Indies).
- Please submit test scores directly to the Admissions Office at the address listed below.

We will notify you via email once we receive your AACPMAS application. We are happy to answer your questions as you navigate through the application process, so please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help.

### **STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

WesternU and the College of Podiatric Medicine expect all students to adhere to the standards of academic and professional conduct as published in the University Catalog. Violations may result in the suspension of application and/or other actions, including rescission of your admission to podiatry school, or the possibility of dismissal from the College of Podiatric Medicine, if enrolled.

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