## Description of Profession

- [U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/)
- [Explore Health Careers](https://www.explorehealthcareers.org/)

## Course Requirements

- 1 year general biology with lab
- 1 year general chemistry with lab
- 1 year organic chemistry with lab
- 1 year physics with lab – may be calc or algebra based
- 1 year English

These are the minimum requirements. Additional requirements vary by school. See the [American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine website](https://www.aapcpe.com/) for specifics.

## Application Timeline

**Medical school directly after Messiah College:**
- Required courses completed by end of junior year
- Apply during the June between your junior and senior years

**Taking time off before podiatry school:**
- Apply approximately 15 months prior to matriculation.

## Standardized Test

**Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) Timing and Registration:**
- Given numerous times yearly
- Take after prerequisite courses are completed (usually spring of junior year or summer between junior and senior years if applying for matriculation graduation year.)
- Register on-line [https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/register-mcat-exam/](https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/register-mcat-exam/)

**MCAT Sections:**
- Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems;
- Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems;
- Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior; and
- Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills

**MCAT Preparation:**
- [MCAT Essentials and Preparing for the MCAT Exam](https://www.aamc.org/testing/mcat/essential-mcat-guides/)

## Application Service

- [American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS)](https://www.aacomas.org/)
- Available ≈ mid-summer
- **APPLY EARLY!**

## Admissions Criteria

- Overall and science GPA
- MCAT
- Letters of evaluation
- Interview
- Extracurricular activities
- Podiatric-related experience
- Research experience

## Additional Resources
- American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM)
- DPM Mentors Network
- American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA)