



PREPODIATRY INFORMATION SUMMARY

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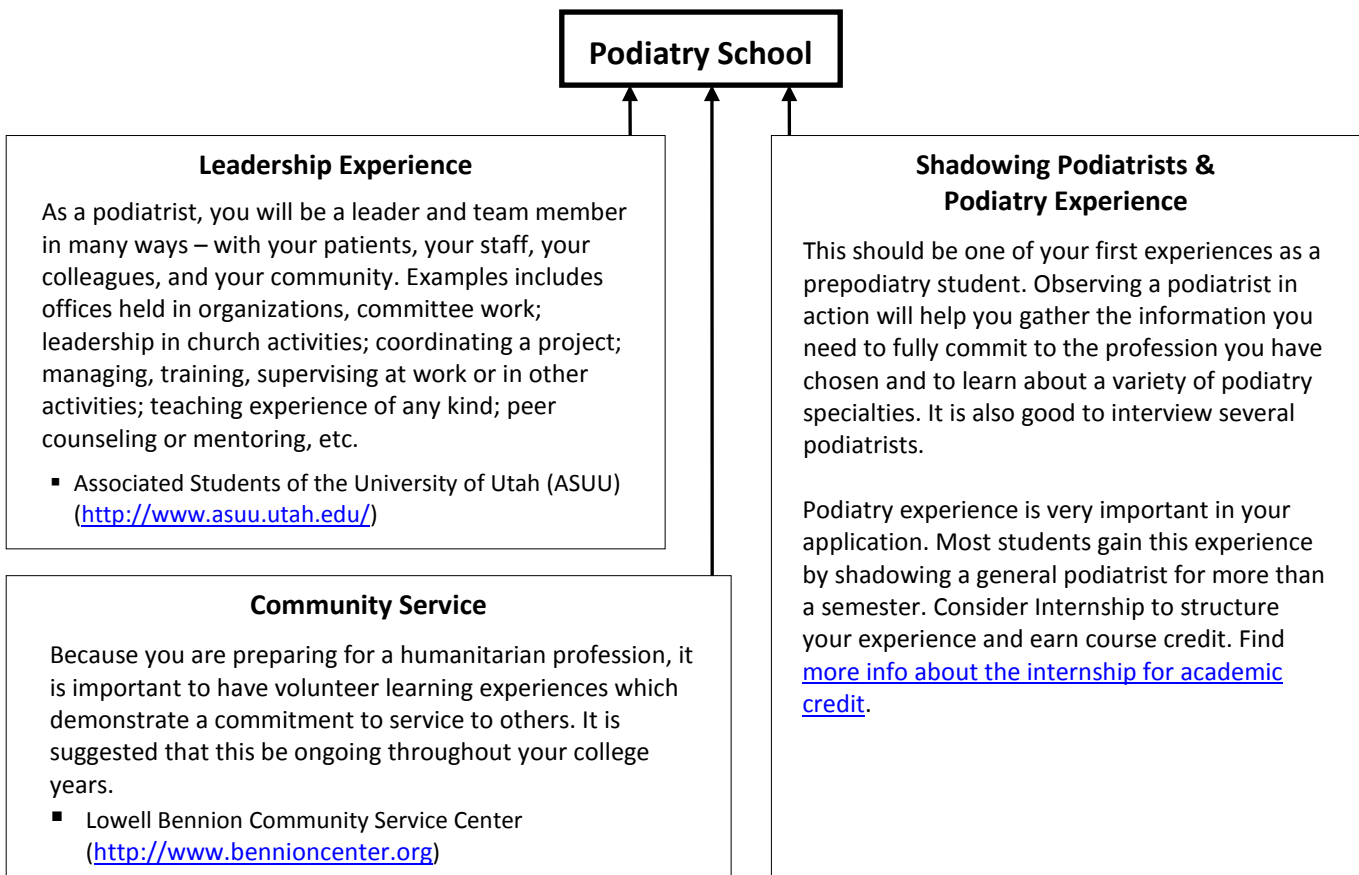
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The **Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)** is a specialist concerned with prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of foot disorders resulting from injury or disease. For more information on the profession, how to apply, to find a mentor, and to research schools visit www.aacpm.org. Preparation for podiatry school involves curricular and extracurricular experiences which demonstrate communication, leadership, community service, and familiarity with podiatry. Any major is appropriate. Study something you love!

❖ EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities and work experiences which demonstrate interpersonal skills, leadership, and service are very important. See the Bennion Center on campus or our website for specific service opportunities.



Things to Remember

- Keep contact information for supervisors and podiatrists you shadow or work with in case you ask them to write recommendation letters. Even if you discontinue some activities, try to maintain a relationship with them.
- Record all hours of service and experiences. Writing your reflections in a journal will be helpful when you write a personal statement.
- Participate in Podiatry School Visits
As part of Career Service’s “Graduate School Fair” held every fall semester, a few podiatry schools from all over the country visits the U of U campus. They meet with students individually at the event. We strongly recommend our students to visit podiatry school representatives during the fair.

❖ APPLICATION PROCESS

- ❖ You may apply to seven colleges of podiatric medicine by submitting one application to the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS). You will send letters of recommendation; transcripts are sent directly to each college. Up to 4 letters of recommendation are required by most schools: two from science professors and at least one from a podiatrist. Students may use our **confidential letter of recommendation service**. See the advising office for more details. The deadline for applying to the colleges through AACPMAS is Jun 31 of each year, for that year's entering class. However, because colleges accept students on a rolling admission basis, it is advisable to apply in the fall or winter well before the deadline. Applications received by April 1 will be given priority consideration.

▪ AACPMAS

Apply at <https://portal.aacpmas.org/>. There are 9 accredited podiatry schools in the United States. All schools receive applications via the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS). AACPMAS standardizes your application and forwards it to the schools of your choice. After submission of this application, supplemental material, such as letters of recommendation, will also be required. Most podiatry schools require a personal interview. Please consult the preprofessional advisors regularly as you prepare your application.

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
MCAT	Register & Study				Take exam													
Recom. Letters	Request letters (Have all letters sent to the PPA office)																	
Application	Prep						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AACPMAS Available online in August. - Request official transcript(s) from all university & colleges you have taken courses from <u>including concurrent enrollment classes</u>. - Fill-out the form & submit as early as possible. - Once your application is submitted, it will take about 5 weeks to process it. - Application deadline (May ~ June of the following year) 											
							Interviews											
													Acceptance Notifications					
Financial Aid													Priority filing for federal financial aid (Mar. 15)					

▪ Letters of Recommendation

<What you need to do>

- 1) Contact professors and podiatrist(s) to see if they are interested in writing a recommendation letter for you.
- 2) If they agree, provide a packet of information which include the following materials but not limited to...
 - a. your updated resume with list of activities you have done
 - b. a personal statement draft
 - c. information about the program(s) you are applying to
 - d. a deadline about 3 weeks prior to your actual deadline for recommendation letters.
 - e. Have each letter writer submit their letters to the PPA office via [VE Collect](#). For more information, please contact the PPA office at 581-5744.

You can submit up to 4 letters.

1. Science Professor
2. Science / non-Science Professor
3. Podiatrist
4. Podiatrist / Supervisor

▪ MCAT

The computerized MCAT is administered seven months out of each year. The exam must be taken no later than April prior to fall entrance, preferably earlier. Register here: <https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/>.

▪ PERSONAL INTERVIEW

A personal interview is required of all applicants who are seriously being considered for admission to acquaint them with the school and to aid the admissions committees in understanding the personal qualifications and interest of applicants.

▪ WICHE

The Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) is a consortium of undergraduate and graduate programs in the western states. This enables Utah residents to enroll at reduced tuition in out-of-state professional programs. The Midwestern University Arizona Podiatric Medicine program (<http://www.midwestern.edu/programs-and-admission/az-podiatric-medicine.html>) and the California College of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt College (http://www.samuelmerritt.edu/podiatric_medicine) is the participating western podiatry school. In order to qualify for WICHE, students who have been a resident of Utah for at least 5 years **must file a WICHE application by October 15**, one year prior to the fall entrance date to podiatry school. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.wiche.edu/psep/podi>.

▪ Bachelor's Degree

Most schools encourage or require students to complete Bachelor's degree by the time they matriculate to podiatry school. However, some schools accept students who completed more than 90 credit hours of college credits but do not have bachelor's degree.

▪ USEFUL WEBSITES and Contacts

- Tutoring Center (<http://tutoringcenter.utah.edu/>) ---328 SSB, 581-5153
- American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (www.aacpm.org)
- American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS) (<https://portal.aacpmas.org/>)
- MCAT information (<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/>)
- WICHE Program (<http://www.wiche.edu/psep/podi>)

❖ PREPODIATRY CURRICULUM

Policies

CLEP Credit & Correspondence Study	Depend on Podiatry school. Check each podiatry school's website for more information.
AP Credits	Podiatry schools take AP credits, but it is recommended to take coursework beyond introductory classes waived by AP.
Repeats	Repeats are counted in your AACPMAS GPA
2 year colleges credits	Many schools limit credits taken at 2 year colleges to 60.
Withdrawals	W's should normally be used only for non-academic emergencies.

Optional Courses you can take as part of Prepodiatry Curriculum

ED PSYCH 3861	<p>Career Services Internship (http://careers.utah.edu/students/jobs/internship.php)</p> <p>The Career Services Internship Program is an opportunity for you to earn upper-division academic credit while learning about a career. This is applicable whether you are shadowing podiatrist(s) or working in a field of podiatric medicine. This course is credit/no credit and is repeatable up to 6 credits.</p>
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