

## Basic Pre-Podiatric Med Honors Timeline (Regardless of Major)\*

<p><b><u>First Year</u></b></p> <p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Chemistry I 1951/1953</li> <li>• Calculus 1941**</li> <li>• Analytical Reading &amp; Writing 0902</li> </ul> <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Chemistry II 1952/1954</li> <li>• Biology 1911</li> <li>• Calculus 1942**</li> <li>• Mosaic I 0951</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer</b> – Exposure to Medicine /Community Service /Research***</p>	<p><b><u>Second Year</u></b></p> <p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organic Chemistry I 2921/2923</li> <li>• Biology II 2912</li> <li>• Mosaic II 0952</li> </ul> <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organic Chemistry II 2922/2924</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer</b> – Exposure to Medicine /Community Service /Research***</p>
<p><b><u>Third Year</u></b></p> <p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physics I 2021**</li> <li>• MCAT preparation</li> </ul> <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physics II 2022**</li> <li>• MCAT Preparation</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take <b>MCAT Exam</b> by May/June†</li> <li>• <b>Apply</b> through the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS) by June/July</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Fourth Year</u></b></p> <p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Biology or Biochemistry for non-science majors*</li> <li>• Completion of requirements for major</li> <li>• Podiatric Medical School Interviews</li> </ul> <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Biology or Biochemistry for non-science majors*</li> <li>• Completion of requirements for major</li> <li>• Podiatric Medical School Interviews</li> <li>• Completion of Financial Aid form (FAFSA)</li> </ul> <p>Summer – Prepare to begin your podiatric medical studies; take a break!</p>

\* Chemistry and Biochemistry majors must take Physics 2021 and 2022 in year 2, as well as Calculus I, II, and III before year 3  
Additional Science Courses: It is also recommended that applicants have exposure to advanced science courses, particularly: Bio 3096 Cell Structure and Function; Bio 2203 Genetics; and Bio 3344 Mammalian Physiology.

\*\* Math requirements for Podiatry may not require a year of calculus or calculus based physics. Math 1021 & 1022 and Physics 1021 & 1022 would be acceptable. Science majors and students keeping their options open for application to Medical school as well as Podiatry should still take calculus and physics as noted on the table above.

\*\*\*Exposure to Podiatric Medicine / Medicine / Community Service / Research encompasses an important part of your preparation / application.

† Some Podiatric Schools will accept the GRE or DAT in lieu of the MCAT

### Office of Pre-Professional Health Studies (**OPPHS**) Pre-Podiatry Advising

Advising offered by the Office of Pre-Professional Health Studies (**OPPHS**) supplements the academic advising (course registration, major requirements and graduation review) provided by the advising center in the student's primary college. Students planning to apply to podiatry schools must initiate a **portfolio** with the **OPPHS** as early as their freshman year.

### The Pre-Podiatry Timeline / Application Process

Pre-podiatry students should map out an individualized academic timeline based on:

- the pre-podiatry course requirements for the podiatry schools to which they will eventually apply;
- courses required by their major and University Gen Ed Requirements.
- Pre-requisite science courses should not be taken during summer sessions.

All Pre-Podiatry students are required to:

- attend an orientation session during the Fall semester on the Temple Pre-Professional Health Evaluation Committee process as they consider or re-consider timeline possibilities.
- attend at least one workshop offered by the **OPPHS** during each semester
- schedule an advising appointment with **OPPHS** as questions arise.

**Accelerated Program Option** Students considering a **3+ 4** accelerated program option must schedule an appointment with the **OPPHS** in order to sign an "Intent to Pursue" form during first semester of freshman year.

## Letters of Recommendation

Begin requesting letters of recommendation as you are completing classes in the sciences and have performed well in the class (A or B+). Provide your letter writers with a "Professional School Recommendation Form" available on the Health Advising web site. As you prepare to apply, an interview with a member of the Pre-Professional Health Evaluation Committee will be required before letters are released to health professional schools on your behalf.

## Podiatric Medicine Application Information

### American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine's (AACPM)

The American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine's (AACPM) mission is to enhance academic podiatric medicine. AACPM's membership consists of nine colleges and more than 200 hospitals and institutions that offer postdoctoral training in podiatric medicine. The Association serves as a national forum for the exchange of ideas, issues formation and concerns relating to podiatric medical education.

Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPMs) strive to improve the overall health of their patients by focusing on preventing, diagnosing, and treating conditions associated with the foot and ankle. They treat a variety of conditions and employ innovative treatments to improve the well-being of their patients.

### Applications

American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS) begins processing admission applications September 1st each year for FALL Admission in the following year.

### Admissions Update

For the 2008 Application Cycle there were a total of 869 applicants to schools of podiatric medicine. Matriculants for 2008 totaled 425 (49% matriculation).

### Entrance Exams

The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) exam is favored for applicants to schools of podiatric medicine. However, some Podiatric Schools will accept the GRE or DAT in lieu of the MCAT.

The average MCAT exam scores for matriculants for 2008 were: Verbal Reasoning- 7.1; Physical Science- 7.1; and Biological Science- 7.5.

### Overall GPA and Science GPA

(Science GPA includes Courses from the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math.)

Matriculants for 2008 had an overall GPA of 3.2 and a science GPA of 3.1. An overall GPA / Science GPA above 3.20 is preferred. **Note:** The GPA includes both grades for a course that is repeated.

### Overview of Required Courses\*

One Semester of Analytical Reading & Writing  
One year of Mosaic (Intensive Writing Course)  
One year of General Biology with Lab  
One year of General Chemistry with Lab  
One year of Organic Chemistry with Lab  
One year of Calculus  
One year of Physics (Calculus Based)  
Additional coursework in Biology or Biochemistry for non-science majors often recommended.

\*Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine requires 12 semester hours of Biological science. California School of Podiatric Medicine requires 8 semester hours of English/Communication studies.

\*The science courses you take should be those designed for health professional students (pre-medical students), and MUST include laboratory experience.

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Visit the *OPHS* website for updates on workshops and other opportunities. [www.temple.edu/healthadvising](http://www.temple.edu/healthadvising)