Did you know?

- A Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) diagnoses and treats conditions of the foot, ankle, and related structures of the leg.
- Education takes 7 years to complete, which includes 4 years of podiatric medical school and 3 years of podiatric medicine and surgical residency. Tuition and expenses range from $50,000 to $75,000 per year.
- Many podiatrists specialize in areas such as surgery, sports medicine, biomechanics, orthopedics, pediatrics, and geriatric care.
- Podiatry is invaluable as the foot is often the first area to show signs of serious conditions such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Diabetic care is a rapidly growing specialization in podiatry.

Podiatry School Application Preparation

- Completing the prerequisite courses is just one aspect of the process. You must also have a well-rounded application consisting of experience (shadowing, volunteer work, undergraduate research, life experience, etc.), letters of recommendation, MCAT scores, and a strong admissions essay.
- Most podiatry schools require or strongly recommend students shadow a podiatrist before applying.
- There are nine colleges of podiatric medicine in the United States.
- Applying to podiatry school is a year-long process. Students applying in their final year at UO will have a gap year before starting podiatry school. Students can work, take courses, travel, etc. during the year.

Online Resources

Health Professions Program Website     healthprofessions.uoregon.edu
American Podiatric Medical Association     www.apma.org
American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM)     www.aacpm.org
AACPM Application Service     portal.aacpmas.org
Exploring Health Careers     explorehealthcareers.org

Campus Resources

☐ Student organizations
☐ Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement
☐ Tykeson College and Career Advising
☐ Duck Nest
☐ Global Education Oregon
☐ TAEC study support
☐ Holden Center
☐ HPP workshops
☐ University Career Center

Advising

Call 541-346-9200 and ask to schedule an appointment with an HPP advisor.
Or visit us in Tykeson Hall, 2nd floor, health@uoregon.edu
### Sample 4-Year Plan

The chart below illustrates one way podiatry school prerequisites can fit into a 4-year plan. Keep in mind that a good graduation plan is as unique as the student following it. Math placement, major, transfer credits, application timeline, and other factors will help shape your own decisions, and health professions advisors are here to help along the way!

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1 Prerequisites vary by school. Research specific schools that interest you to be sure you meet any additional requirements.

2 These courses are helpful for MCAT preparation but may not be required by podiatry schools.