Health Professions | Podiatry Admissions Timeline

**Academic Factors**
Admissions committees are looking for solid academic performance in both your overall and science GPA.

| Successful Applicant Average GPA | 3.4 |

**Non Academic Factors**
Applicants to podiatry school should demonstrate genuine experiences in the following areas: career exploration and shadowing, leadership, extracurricular activities, a diversity of community/volunteer service, and an awareness of current issues.

**Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)**
The MCAT is a computerized test taken in certain testing centers and is offered throughout the year. The program is designed to test podiatry school applicants on problem solving, critical thinking, reading comprehension, and writing skills in addition to knowledge of science concepts and principles. All podiatry schools require applicants to take the MCAT (Some will accept the GRE or the DAT).

| Successful Applicant MCAT Average | 21 |

For information or to register for the MCAT go to [www.aamc.org/mcat](http://www.aamc.org/mcat)

**American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS)**
Podiatry Schools use a centralized application service. The earliest you can apply to podiatry school is the beginning of August. Podiatry schools fill their classes on a rolling basis; therefore it is considered advantageous to apply early. To apply to AACPMAS go to [www.e-aacpmas.org](http://www.e-aacpmas.org).

**Podiatry School Timeline**

**Freshman**
- Visit the Health Professions Website
- Review the prerequisites needed for podiatry school
- Schedule the major and prerequisite classes you need to take using the Grad Plan Tool (note that you should review the course catalogue to ensure classes are available during the semester you have planned to take them)
- Explore the podiatry field and look for shadowing opportunities
- Take the Health Professions Workshops

**Sophomore**
- Explore the podiatry field and shadow different areas of podiatry
- Research podiatry schools (it is appropriate to call them and ask questions)
- Build good relationships with professors and supervisors for future letters of recommendation
- Begin writing your Personal Statement
- Plan when you will take the MCAT

**Junior**
- Start studying for the MCAT
- Know current podiatry issues
- Continue to explore the podiatry field
- Participate in community service
- Edit and review Personal Statement
- Ask 3 or more people to write you a letter of recommendation
- Review each school’s admissions timetable
- Visit podiatry schools if possible
- Take the MCAT
- Start filling out the AACPMAS application
- Research podiatry schools you are applying to
- Submit AACPMAS application at the beginning of August

**Senior**
- Prepare for your interviews by visiting with career services and participating in mock interviews
- Research Financial Aid options
- Know current podiatry issues