

# PODIATRIC MEDICINE - D.P.M.

College of Podiatric Medicine  
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## About This Program

Our Doctor of Podiatric Medicine program equips you with the knowledge and skills needed to diagnose, treat and prevent foot and ankle disorders. With a comprehensive curriculum, state-of-the-art facilities and experienced faculty, you'll be prepared to make a difference in patients' lives. Read more...

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Independence, Ohio

## Examples of Possible Careers

- Armed Forces
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Faculty in Health Professions Schools and Colleges
- Foot and Ankle Physician
- Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)
- Hospitals and Extended Care Facilities
- Medical Device Company Lecturer, Thought Leader and Innovator
- Medical Science Liaison
- Municipal Health Departments
- Pharmaceutical Industry Lecturer and Thought Leader
- Podiatric Surgeon in an Orthopedic Surgery Practice
- Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs)
- Private or Group Medical Practice
- Public Health Service

## Accreditation

The D.P.M. degree in Podiatric Medicine is accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA).

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

Kent State's College of Podiatric Medicine participates in the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS). Candidates to Kent State's D.P.M. degree apply and submit materials to AACPMAS.

- Minimum 90 semester credit hours (or minimum 135 quarter hours) of undergraduate coursework, including the following prerequisites:
  - 6 semester credit hours (or 9 quarter credit hours) of English
  - 8 semester credit hours (or 12 quarter credit hours) **each** of biology, physics, organic chemistry and general/inorganic chemistry<sup>1</sup>
- Official transcript(s)
- Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)<sup>2</sup> or Dental Admission Test (DAT) scores
- Two letters of recommendation:
  - one letter from a faculty member, advisor or composite letter from a pre-medical advisory committee
  - one a letter from a doctor of podiatric medicine or other medical professional
- Interview
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:<sup>3</sup>
  - Minimum 94 TOEFL iBT score
  - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
  - Minimum 65 PTE score
  - Minimum 120 DET score

Nearly all of entering D.P.M. students will have earned a bachelor's or advanced degree prior to matriculation; however, students may be granted admission with the required undergraduate coursework (90 semester credit hours or 135 quarter credit hours) and prerequisites completed.

See the policy on Technical Standards and Essential Requirements for Student Education in the College of Podiatric Medicine.

<sup>1</sup> All science coursework must include labs, when applicable. In addition, the following classes are recommended: biochemistry, histology, anatomy and physiology, neurobiology and microbiology.

<sup>2</sup> Scores must be within three years of the application date. Candidates may apply to the D.P.M. degree before taking the MCAT; however, the college will not be able to take final admissions action until official MCAT scores are received by the application service (AACPMAS). Candidates should plan on taking the MCAT no later than May of the year they plan to matriculate.

<sup>3</sup> International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

## Application Deadline

- **Fall Semester**
  - Final deadline: June 30  
*Applications will not be accepted after this deadline.*

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
GMD 80121	PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT AND DIAGNOSIS	3
GMD 80216	MEDICINE I	4
GMD 80217	MEDICINE II	4
GMD 80314	NEUROLOGY	2
GMD 80315	DERMATOLOGY	2
GMD 80327	BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE	1
GMD 80328	WOMEN'S HEALTH	1
ORT 80131	BIOMECHANICS I	3
PCS 80109	HUMAN ANATOMY	6
PCS 80110	EMBRYOLOGY	2
PCS 80124	LOWER EXTREMITY ANATOMY	8
PCS 80128	MEDICAL MICROBIO/IMMUNOLOGY	6
PCS 80130	FOUNDATIONS OF LIFE SCIENCES I	6
PCS 80131	FOUNDATIONS OF LIFE SCIENCES II	6
PCS 80132	FOUNDATIONS OF LIFE SCIENCES III	4
PCS 80133	FOUNDATIONS OF LIFE SCIENCES IV	5
PCS 80218	HUMAN SYSTEMS PATHOLOGY I	8
PCS 80219	PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS I	4
PCS 80228	HUMAN SYSTEMS PATHOLOGY II	8
PCS 80229	PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS II	4
PMD 80113	MEDICAL ETHICS	1
PMD 80114	PRINCIPLES OF MEDICAL RESEARCH	1
PMD 80117	PODIATRY, PROFESSIONALISM AND SOCIETY I	1
PMD 80132	LOWER EXTREMITY ASSESSMENT AND DIAGNOSIS	2
PMD 80133	INTRODUCTION MEDICAL IMAGING	1
PMD 80222	PODIATRIC MEDICAL SKILLS	1
PMD 80226	INTRODUCTION TO PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY	4
PMD 80317	PODIATRY, PROFESSIONALISM AND SOCIETY III	1
PMD 80318	PEDIATRICS	2
PMD 80323	PODIATRIC PUBLIC HEALTH AND LAW	2
PMD 80417	PODIATRY, PROFESSIONALISM AND SOCIETY IV	4
SUR 80227	PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY I	4
SUR 80313	PODIATRIC SURGERY	2
SUR 80323	PODIATRIC SURGERY	2
SUR 80325	TRAUMATOLOGY	3
<b>Clinical Requirements</b>		
Second-Year Clinical Option		1
CLI 80200	STANDARDIZED PATIENTS ROTATION <sup>1</sup>	
Third-Year Clinical Options <sup>2</sup>		18
CLI 80311	WOUND CARE	
CLI 80312	FOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY I	
CLI 80313	FOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY II	
CLI 80316	SURGICAL SKILLS AND SIMULATED PATIENTS II	
CLI 80320	RADIOLOGY ROTATION	
CLI 80351	PODIATRIC MEDICINE/BIOMECHANICS (EUCLID)	
CLI 80352	PODIATRIC MEDICINE/BIOMECHANICS (INDEPENDENCE)	
CLI 80365	PRIMARY CARE/VETERANS ADMINISTRATION	
CLI 80380	SIMULATED PATIENTS I	
Third-Year Summer Clinical Options <sup>3</sup>		2-4
CLI 80311	WOUND CARE	
CLI 80312	FOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY I	
CLI 80313	FOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY II	
CLI 80316	SURGICAL SKILLS AND SIMULATED PATIENTS II	
CLI 80320	RADIOLOGY ROTATION	
CLI 80351	PODIATRIC MEDICINE/BIOMECHANICS (EUCLID)	
CLI 80352	PODIATRIC MEDICINE/BIOMECHANICS (INDEPENDENCE)	
CLI 80365	PRIMARY CARE/VETERANS ADMINISTRATION	
CLI 80380	SIMULATED PATIENTS I	
CLI 80443	SENIOR CLINICAL ROTATION	
CLI 80460	CLERKSHIP ROTATION I	
CLI 80521	SENIOR MEDICINE ROTATION I	
Fourth-Year Clinical Options <sup>3,4</sup>		24-36
CLI 80443	SENIOR CLINICAL ROTATION	
CLI 80460	CLERKSHIP ROTATION I	
CLI 80465	CLERKSHIP ROTATION II	
CLI 80470	CLERKSHIP ROTATION III	
CLI 80475	CLERKSHIP ROTATION IV	
CLI 80480	CLERKSHIP ROTATION V	
CLI 80485	CLERKSHIP ROTATION VI	
CLI 80521	SENIOR MEDICINE ROTATION I	
CLI 80522	SENIOR MEDICINE ROTATION II	
Fourth-Year Summer Clinical Options <sup>3,4</sup>		0-4
CLI 80443	SENIOR CLINICAL ROTATION	
CLI 80460	CLERKSHIP ROTATION I	
CLI 80465	CLERKSHIP ROTATION II	
CLI 80470	CLERKSHIP ROTATION III	
CLI 80475	CLERKSHIP ROTATION IV	
CLI 80480	CLERKSHIP ROTATION V	
CLI 80485	CLERKSHIP ROTATION VI	
CLI 80521	SENIOR MEDICINE ROTATION I	
CLI 80522	SENIOR MEDICINE ROTATION II	
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>175</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students take 1 credit hour of CLI 80200 in either fall or spring semester.

<sup>2</sup> Students take 18 credit hours of third-year clinical in either fall or spring semester and follow a class rotation.

<sup>3</sup> Students are separated into groups with a different rotation each month. Students are permitted to take one clerkship month off as an elective month. CLI 80486 and CLI 80487 are elective clerkship rotations available to students who wish to gain further clinical experience on top of the required six clerkship rotations. Please note, once a student registers for these electives, the required minimum total credit hours for the student will increase by 4 credit hours for each elective. PMD 80495 may be available for students to take as an elective on top of the program requirements.

<sup>4</sup> For the fourth-year clinical, students take courses not taken during their third-year summer term.

## Program Notes

- Students placed in Pathway I (due to one failure on the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination, APMLE Part I) are required to take PCS 80001, increasing the minimum total credit hours by 1 credit hour. Students not taking APMLE Part I on the first attempt are also required to take this course.
- Students placed in Pathway II (due to two failures on the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination, APMLE Part I) are required to take PCS 80002, increasing the minimum total credit hours by 5 credit hours. Students not taking APMLE Part I on the second attempt are also required to take this course.
- GMD 80205 is an elective open to all second-year students. Please note, once students register for this course, the required minimum number of credit hours increases by one credit hour.

**Attendance at the graduation ceremony is required for the degree.** To be eligible for graduation in May, candidates must have met all of the above requirements by the conclusion of their fourth-year summer term.

All students must successfully complete the graduation requirements within six academic years of their initial matriculation. Exceptions for students with extenuating circumstances must have the approval of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME).

There is no contract stated or implied, between the college and the students that a degree will be conferred at any stated time, or at all.

## Progression Requirements

Students whose first semester of coursework in the D.P.M. degree is fall 2016 or later are required to meet the following minimum overall GPA during the first and second year:

- 2.500 overall GPA at the end of first year, fall semester
- 2.500 overall GPA at the end of first year, spring semester
- 2.500 overall GPA at the end of first year, summer term
- 2.500 overall GPA at the end of second year, fall semester
- 2.400 overall GPA at the end of second year, spring semester

Students falling below the minimum overall GPA following their first year (fall, spring and summer) or their second year (fall semester) are required to participate in mandatory academic counseling. Students below the minimum 2.400 overall GPA at the end of their second year (spring semester) will be academically dismissed with the right to appeal for reinstatement, provided that the student has not previously been dismissed (academic or otherwise) from the College of Podiatric Medicine.

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	2.400

A candidate for the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine must have:

- Maintained satisfactory academic performance with no grade below a C or S (satisfactory)
- Demonstrated clinical competence through completion of the performance objectives
- Been verified as being in good disciplinary standing
- Satisfactorily completed all academic requirements, including all courses, clinical rotations and externship/clerkship program requirements, and the required Observed Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- Fulfilled all responsibilities and financial obligations to the college and university
- Demonstrated moral and mental competency to practice podiatric medicine
- Taken and passed the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE) Part I, and have taken (APMLE) Part II and released the score reports to the college

## Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major.

First Year		Credits
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
PCS 80109	HUMAN ANATOMY	6
PCS 80110	EMBRYOLOGY	2
PCS 80130	FOUNDATIONS OF LIFE SCIENCES I	6
PCS 80131	FOUNDATIONS OF LIFE SCIENCES II	6
PMD 80113	MEDICAL ETHICS	1
PMD 80114	PRINCIPLES OF MEDICAL RESEARCH	1
PMD 80117	PODIATRY, PROFESSIONALISM AND SOCIETY I	1
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
PCS 80124	LOWER EXTREMITY ANATOMY	8
PCS 80128	MEDICAL MICROBIO/IMMUNOLOGY	6
PCS 80132	FOUNDATIONS OF LIFE SCIENCES III	4
PCS 80133	FOUNDATIONS OF LIFE SCIENCES IV	5
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>		
ORT 80131	BIOMECHANICS I	3
PMD 80132	LOWER EXTREMITY ASSESSMENT AND DIAGNOSIS	2
PMD 80133	INTRODUCTION MEDICAL IMAGING	1
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
GMD 80121	PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT AND DIAGNOSIS	3
GMD 80216	MEDICINE I	4
PCS 80218	HUMAN SYSTEMS PATHOLOGY I	8
PCS 80219	PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS I	4
PMD 80222	PODIATRIC MEDICAL SKILLS	1
PMD 80226	INTRODUCTION TO PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY	4
Second-Year Clinical Option		0-1
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
GMD 80217	MEDICINE II	4
PCS 80228	HUMAN SYSTEMS PATHOLOGY II	8
PCS 80229	PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS II	4
SUR 80227	PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY I	4
Second-Year Clinical Option		0-1
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
GMD 80314	NEUROLOGY	2
GMD 80315	DERMATOLOGY	2
GMD 80327	BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE	1
GMD 80328	WOMEN'S HEALTH	1
PMD 80318	PEDIATRICS	2
SUR 80313	PODIATRIC SURGERY	2
Third-Year Clinical Options		9
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>19</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
PMD 80317	PODIATRY, PROFESSIONALISM AND SOCIETY III	1

PMD 80323	PODIATRIC PUBLIC HEALTH AND LAW	2
SUR 80323	PODIATRIC SURGERY	2
SUR 80325	TRAUMATOLOGY	3
Third-Year Clinical Options		9
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>		
Third-Year Summer Clinical Options		2-4
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
Fourth-Year Clinical Options		12-20
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
Fourth-Year Clinical Options		12-16
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>		
PMD 80417	PODIATRY, PROFESSIONALISM AND SOCIETY IV	4
Fourth-Year Summer Clinical Options		0-4
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>175</b>

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to recall and apply current and emerging knowledge of human structure, function, development, pathology, pathophysiology and psychosocial development to patient care.
2. Provide effective patient-centered care that is compassionate and appropriate for prevention and treatment of medical conditions, which promotes overall health with special emphasis on the lower extremity.
3. Demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in the effective exchange of information and collaboration with patients, their families and health professionals.
4. Demonstrate professionalism in medicine.
5. Apply scientific methods and utilize clinical and translational research to further the understanding of contemporary podiatric medicine and its application to patient care.
6. Demonstrate an awareness of and responsiveness to the larger context and system of health care, as well as the ability to call on other resources to provide optimal and cost-effective health care.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of common societal problems (e.g., issues of addiction or abuse) and their impact on patients.

## Full Description

The Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree prepares students for the podiatric medicine field. The podiatric physician is a health professional who is involved with examination, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of foot disorders by physical, medical and surgical means. A podiatric medicine doctor is trained to detect the signs of systemic disease which may appear first in the lower extremity, such as diabetes or circulatory disorders. When such diagnoses are made, the podiatric physician consults with the patient's family doctor concerning the systemic disease.

A career in podiatric medicine can include the areas of primary care, surgery, orthopedics, sports medicine, geriatrics and pediatrics.

Podiatric Medicine students have the opportunity to combine the D.P.M. degree with either the Master of Business Administration or Master of Public Health degree and double count courses toward both degrees.

## **Professional Licensure Disclosure**

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.