



The Pathway to Podiatry School for Post-Bacc Students

GETTING STARTED

Medical Applicant Portal (MAP): MAP is an online resource for post-bacc students and alumni to identify themselves as Pre-Med and stay informed of important dates and events. It also serves as a portfolio to help prepare students for the application process. Create a MAP account in StudentHub!

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APPLICATION & TIMELINE

The application process for podiatry school **begins every year in August** and is a **year-long application process**. Applicants should have their prerequisite courses and MCAT score(s), along with recommended experiences, prior to the application. Please click on the links below to learn more about the application process: [AACPMAS](#)

Most students in the post-bacc certificate program should expect to be in the program for about one year prior to applying to podiatry school - more information and resources are [on our website](#).

EXPERIENTIAL PREPARATION

Successful candidates who apply for entry into one of the eleven podiatric medical schools display **positive characteristics of mature adults**. Evidence of preparation for a career in medicine, and specifically a career in podiatric medicine, should also be present in each application. Candidates with strong science preparation are preferred. Attributes of successful candidates also include good time management, problem-solving proficiency and a strong sense of inter- and intrapersonal communication skills. Successful candidates also have a demonstrable record of community service or good works, a strong academic record in the sciences, and are well-rounded individuals.

Post-bacc students bring a wealth of professional and interdisciplinary experience that will be valued by podiatry school admissions. Rather than starting from scratch, post-bacc students should assess where their experiences are already strong and identify areas to supplement with additional **community service, clinical exposure, and podiatrist shadowing**.

REQUIRED COURSEWORK

Requisite courses are **school specific**. For detailed course requirements, please review the list of [accredited podiatry schools](#) in the United States.

Common courses include:

- **Biology** with labs (Two semesters)
- **General Chemistry** with lab(s)
- **Organic Chemistry** with lab(s) (Two semesters)
- **Physics** with labs (Two semesters)
- **Biochemistry** with lab
- **Math** (One Calculus & One Statistics)
- **Social Science/Humanities** (Two semesters)

ENTRANCE EXAM

Pre-Podiatry students will take the **Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)**. We recommend that pre-podiatry post-bacc students plan to take the MCAT **after completing all laboratory science prerequisite courses** and the applicant has had **4-6 months to study**. At the latest, applicants should take the MCAT by the end of September, the year they apply.

Introductory **Psychology** and **Sociology** courses are *strongly recommended* prior to MCAT preparation but are typically *not required* for admission.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Northeastern University [PreMed & PreHealth Advising](#) program offers a **Letters Packet** service for medical, dental, and podiatry applicants who complete the **Pre-Med Post-Bacc Certificate Program**. More information on our [website here](#).