

## Office of Pre-Health Professions PRE-PODIATRIC MEDICINE

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### Degree Requirements:

1. Please visit the Office of Pre-Health Professions early so that we can assist you in meeting all requirements for your choice in schools.
2. **Degree:** A bachelor's degree from an accredited university is required.
3. **G.P.A.:** A minimum GPA of 3.00 in the sciences (BCPM- Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math) non-science courses is required. C minus (C-) grades and pre-foundational courses are not transferable.
4. **Recommended courses:** Embryology, Histology, Anatomy & Physiology, Virology, Genetics, and Immunology.
5. **Application Service:** All applications must be processed by the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS). Go to [www.aacpm.org](http://www.aacpm.org) to submit all materials.
6. **Tests:** MCAT or GRE plus one subject test in Biology, Chemistry or Physics.
7. **Recommendations:** Recommendations through the Recommendation Committee and one recommendation from a podiatric physician.
8. **AP & CLEP scores:** AP and CLEP exams do not meet medical school requirements for Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. A number of schools will not accept any AP or CLEP credit.

	Domain/Course(s)	Units
	First Year Seminar (UNST 101A & 101B)	2

	Required Courses:	Units
	College Writing I (ENGL 111)	3
	College Writing II (ENGL 112)	3
	College Writing III (ENGL 113)	3
	General Biology I (BIOL 111 & Lab)	5
	General Biology II (BIOL 112 & Lab)	5
	General Biology III (BIOL 113 & Lab)	5
	General Chemistry I (CHEM 111 & Lab)	5
	General Chemistry II (CHEM 112 & Lab)	5
	General Chemistry III (CHEM 113 & Lab)	5
	Organic Chemistry I (CHEM 371)	4
	Organic Chemistry II (CHEM 372 & Lab)	4
	Organic Chemistry III (CHEM 373 & Lab)	4
	Biochemistry I (CHEM 491 <b>no lab</b> )	3
	Biochemistry II (CHEM 492 <b>no lab</b> )	3
	General Physics I (PHYS 231 & Lab)	5
	General Physics II (PHYS 232 & Lab)	5
	General Physics III (PHYS 233 & Lab)	5

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The Office of Pre-Health Professions is dedicated to providing quality service to La Sierra University students, faculty and staff. Our primary goal is to address your pre-professional needs. As a service-based department, we accept walk-ins on a daily basis. We endeavor to answer all of your questions about careers in the health field; no question is too small for our attention. We are located in Palmer Hall, home of the Chemistry department and next door to the Thaine B. Price Science Complex.

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**Career opportunities and related occupations:** The Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) is the most highly trained primary health care provider in the normal and abnormal functioning of the foot and lower extremities, having completed four years of medical school, typically followed by a one to three-year residency program. While podiatric physicians and orthopedic surgery both diagnose and treat the lower extremities, they differ in basic ways, orthopedic surgeons receive general surgery training for all bones throughout the body and podiatric physicians employ surgical skills on the foot, ankle, and lower leg. Additionally podiatric physicians employ effective non-invasive treatment options developed from a comprehensive understanding of podiatric biomechanics.

In their practice, podiatric physicians see a wide range of individuals from infants to elderly patients. Podiatrists treat helomas, tylomas, ingrown toenails, bunions, heel spurs, arch problems; ankle and foot injuries, deformities, infections and foot complaints resulting from diabetes, gout, hypertension, and osteoarthritis. To treat these problems, podiatrists prescribe drugs, order physical therapy, set fractures, and perform surgery. Most podiatrists have a general practice but some specialize in surgery, orthopedics, or public health. Important subspecialties within the field of podiatric medicine include sports medicine, podiatric surgery, podopediatrics, podogeriatrics, and podiatric research.

**Educational Qualifications:** Entrance to podiatric school requires the completion of a Bachelors degree and the MCAT or the GRE and subject exams. At the end of the podiatric program, candidates will pass a licensing examination to practice podiatric medicine. Some states may also require completion of an accredited residency program.

**Salary:** For the most updated information on salaries visit: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm>

<b>Websites:</b>	<b>Professional Organizations:</b>
<p><b>La Sierra University:</b> <a href="http://www.lasierra.edu/departments/prehealth">www.lasierra.edu/departments/prehealth</a></p>	<p>American Podiatric Medical Association 15850 Crabs Branch Way, Suite 320 Rockville, MD 20855-2622 Phone: 301-948-9760 <a href="http://www.apma.org">www.apma.org</a></p> <p>American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine 1350 Piccard Drive, Suite 322 Rockville, MD 20850 <a href="http://www.aacpm.org">www.aacpm.org</a></p>