



DES MOINES
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MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES

DOCTOR OF
PODIATRIC MEDICINE

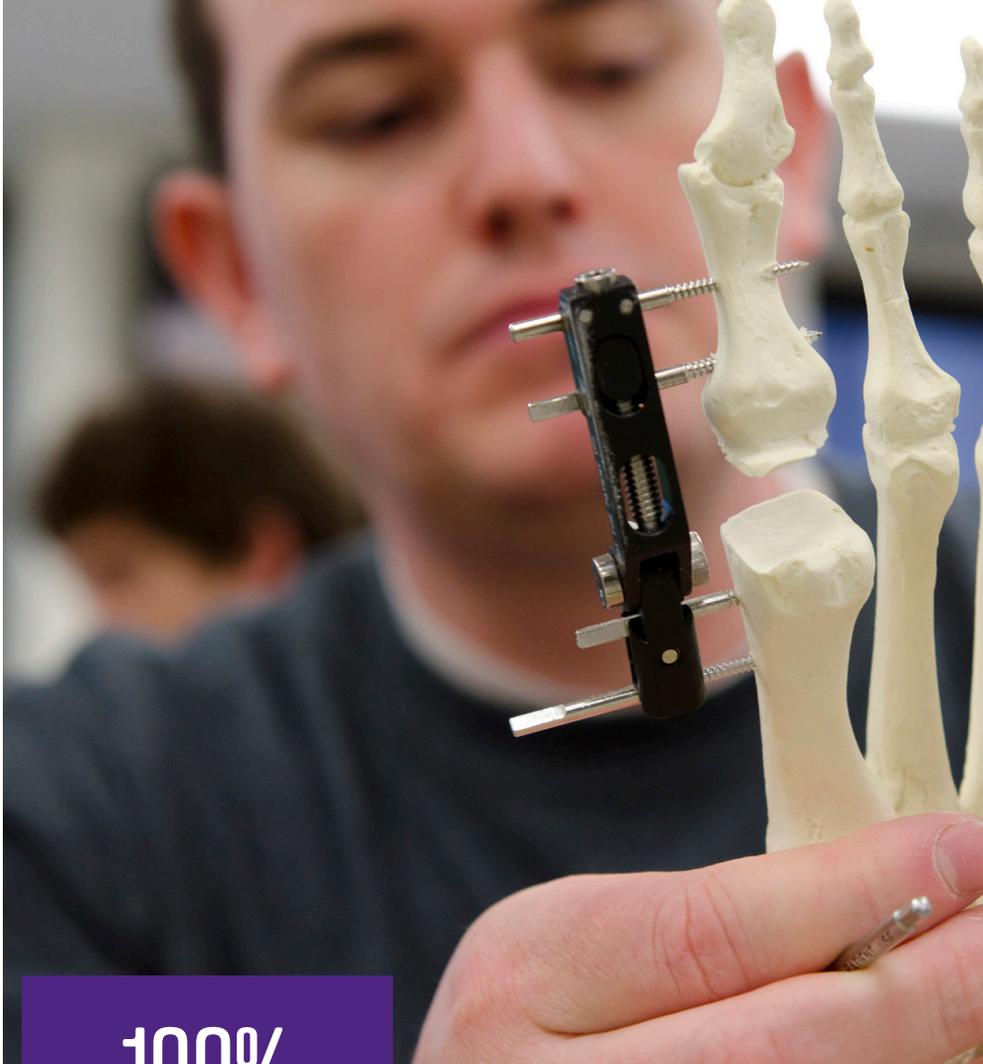
THE BEST PREPARATION FOR A GREAT CAREER

Des Moines University's Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Program offers you the top advantages in medical education: expert, "open-door" faculty; a rigorous curriculum; state-of-the-art facilities; a collaborative and diverse research enterprise; and a collegial, supportive community of students and faculty engaged in learning and service.

Doctors of podiatric medicine (D.P.M.s) provide treatment for the foot, ankle and lower limb in surgery, sports medicine, pediatrics, biomechanics, trauma and wound care. Lower-limb health directly affects the health and function of the rest of the body, so D.P.M.s have a high impact on their patients' quality of life. They enjoy close relationships with patients in a profession that's flexible, family- and lifestyle-friendly and in demand.

HANDS-ON, RELEVANT AND REAL-WORLD:

DMU'S D.P.M. PROGRAM WILL PREPARE YOU FOR A REWARDING CAREER.



100%

residency placement rate

94%

First-time pass rate for national board exam, Part 1

94%

First-time pass rate for national board exam, Part 2

LEARN FROM THE BEST

Faculty in DMU's College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery (CPMS) are nationally recognized experts with broad clinical expertise, diverse patient care and research endeavors. CPMS was the first podiatric medical school to be affiliated with an academic health center, which offers students in all eight DMU graduate medical and health sciences programs great resources and opportunities to learn from each other.

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

CPMS prepares excellent podiatric physicians through an **integrated program of didactic, laboratory and clinical experiences.**

Students take their first-year basic science courses with students in DMU's College of Osteopathic Medicine. As they progress, CPMS students focus more on the lower limb and physical diagnoses skills. They learn to apply principles of evidence-based medicine to individual patient care. High student outcomes in board exam scores, exam pass



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ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19; CLASSES OF 2019-2022

	2018						2019					
	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
YEAR 1 CLASS OF 2022		Biochemistry					Immunology/Microbiology		Neuroanatomy			
		Gross Anatomy					Anatomy B					
		Clinical Medicine					Clinical Medicine B					
		Principles & Practices of Podiatric Med						Pathology		Geriatrics		
		Cell Biology					Physiology					
YEAR 2 CLASS OF 2021		CS1: Cardio/Pulmonary			CS3: Neuro/BMed			Dermatology		Biomechanics		
		Pharmacology										
		Cultural Competency		CS2: Endo/Hem			Lower Limb			Biom & Surg		
					CS4: Neph/GI/Nutr		Clinical Pod Medicine					Clinic (thru 7/15)
YEAR 3 CLASS OF 2020	BSMS			Case-Based Medicine								
	Trauma	HC Syst										
	Clinical Rotations											
YEAR 4 CLASS OF 2019	Clinical Assessments											
	Clinical Rotations											

WATER BREAK

Curriculum schedule subject to change.

rates and residency placement are among the results of the program.

DIVERSIFY YOUR DEGREE

DMU offers many ways to maximize your time in medical school. Students and faculty conduct **research** on a variety of topics and frequently present at state, regional and national conferences. The **Global Health Program** offers short-term service trips, internships and rotations at sites around the world. You also can combine your D.P.M. degree with a master's degree in health care administration, public health, anatomy or biomedical sciences. This option expands students' knowledge, skills and leadership abilities, enhancing their patient care and career opportunities.

INNOVATIVE TEACHING

• You will develop clinical, communication and interprofessional teamwork skills in **DMU's Simulation Center**. It combines real-world clinical scenarios with lifelike,

high-fidelity mannequins and equipment, allowing students to perform hands-on assessments and procedures.

• The **Standardized Performance Assessment Lab (SPAL)** enables students to interact with and examine people trained to portray a variety of medical conditions. Students review videos of their patient encounters and learn from evaluations by faculty and "patients."

• The **Surgery Skills Center** includes simulation model labs, a computer lab, an operating room lab, laparoscopic and other special equipment. Students train in suturing, surgical instrumentation, dissection, intravenous insertions and other clinical and surgical procedures.

• Clinical students learn how to use **ultrasound technology**, beginning in their first year, in anatomy and clinical medicine/diagnoses courses.

• In the **anatomy lab**, students dissect and analyze cadavers at 43 stations, each

equipped with a 40-inch flat screen monitor, connected to an iPad that offers instructions linked to anatomical images online.

• Third-year D.P.M. students are immersed in patient care in the **DMU Foot and Ankle Clinic**, part of the DMU Clinic on campus, and with other podiatric physicians in central Iowa. These rotations maximize students' skills and experiences in basic podiatric medicine, podiatric radiology, podiatric surgery and podiatric orthopedics and biomechanics. In addition, third-year students complete clinical rotations in internal medicine supplemented by an emergency medicine stimulation rotation, vascular surgery, orthopedics and wound management.

• Fourth-year students participate in **clerkship rotations that lead to residency opportunities** as well as other medical specialty clinical rotations.

HOW TO APPLY:

Apply through the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS). Applications become available each year in August for the class that begins the following fall term. The application deadline is June 30; however, due to rolling admission, it is recommended to apply early.

In some cases, exceptional students may be considered for admission after completing 90 semester hours of undergraduate work at a regionally accredited institution. Find more information on the CPMS website section, "How to apply."

D.P.M. PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ **Bachelor's degree** from a regionally accredited college or university
- ✓ **Cumulative and science GPAs of 2.7** or higher are highly recommended
- ✓ Completion of the following courses:
 - **Biology** – 8 semester hours with lab
 - **General Chemistry** – 8 semester hours with lab
 - **Organic Chemistry** – 8 semester hours with lab (may substitute 4 semester hours of biochemistry)
 - **Physics** – 8 semester hours with lab
 - **English, English Composition, Communications, Speech or other writing-intensive course work** – 6 semester hours
 - **Highly recommended:** Biochemistry, Genetics, Comparative Anatomy, Mathematics, Psychology and Medical Terminology
- ✓ **MCAT score submitted through AACPMAS**
- ✓ **Two letters of recommendation** – one from a doctor of podiatric medicine and one from a science professor, academic adviser or advisory committee
- ✓ **U.S. citizenship or permanent residency status**

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ACCREDITATION: DMU College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery is accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association, www.cpme.org. The council is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education as the specialized accrediting body for podiatric medical education. Des Moines University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504; 312-263-0456; 800-621-7440; fax, 312-263-7462; www.ncahlc.org. 09/18-1500



BECAUSE OF WHERE YOU WANT TO GO AFTERWARD

Your ultimate goal is to become an exceptionally well-prepared health care professional. At DMU, you will learn with faculty and students who all share a common focus on medicine and the health sciences. You will become ready for both autonomous and interprofessional practice in providing the highest quality of care.

As a student, you will enjoy the amenities and affordability of Iowa's capital, Des Moines. Learn more at www.catchdesmoines.com.

