



# PRE-PODIATRY PREPARATION

AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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A Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM), known also as a podiatric physician or surgeon, is qualified by their education and training to diagnose and treat conditions affecting the foot, ankle and related structures of the leg. When treating patients, this system is also known as the lower extremity. Podiatric physicians are uniquely qualified among medical professionals to treat the lower extremity based on their education, training and expertise. Podiatrists are defined as physicians by the federal government. To enter a podiatric medical school, one must first complete a minimum of three years or 90 semester hours of college credit at an accredited institution. Over 97% of the students who enter podiatric medical school have a bachelor's degree. Minimum semester credit hour requirements for all nine US schools and colleges of podiatric medicine include 8 hours each in biology, general/inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry and physics. However, each school has different recommend courses so **it is important to review the recommended courses for each school and identify which program you wish to apply and plan accordingly.** On average students should maintain a grade point average near 3.40/4.00 or higher, demonstrate leadership skills, expose yourself to the world of podiatry, and perform well on the Medical Admission Test (MCAT).

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

### LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
ENG 1001G Composition & Language	3		
ENG 1002G Composition & Literature	3		
CMN 1310G Speech Communication	3		

### BIOLOGY\*: 12-20 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
BIO 1500 General Biology I	4		
BIO 2210 Anatomy & Physiology I	4		
BIO 2220 Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
BIO 3120* Molecular & Cellular Biology OR BIO 3300* Microbiology	4		
BIO 3210^ Immunology (Spring ONLY)	4		
BIO 3200^ Genetics	4		
BIO 3622^ Embryology	4		
BIO 3624^ Histology	4		

### SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
PSY 1879G Intro to Psychology	3		
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	3		

### CHEMISTRY\*: 16 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
CHM 1310G General Chemistry I	3		
CHM 1315G General Chemistry I Lab	1		
CHM 1410 General Chemistry II	3		
CHM 1415 General Chemistry II Lab	1		
CHM 2440 Organic Chemistry I	3		
CHM 2840 Organic Chemistry II	3		
CHM 2840 Organic Chemistry II	3		
CHM 2845 Organic Chemistry Lab II	1		

### PHYSICS\*: 8 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
PHY 1151G Principles of Physics I	3		
PHY 1152G Principles of Physics I Lab	1		
PHY 1161 Principles of Physics II	3		
PHY 1162 Principles of Physics II Lab	1		

\* Additional prerequisite classes may be required. See Undergraduate Catalog.

# Required by some podiatry schools

^ Recommended by some podiatry schools

Additional Recommendations: CPR, Medical Terminology

## WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE FROM OTHER APPLICANTS?

### Podiatric Experience

- Volunteer or work experience with a specialist is beneficial.
- Diversification of practice is advantageous, if possible: private practice, hospital, surgeon, etc.

### Leadership Experience

Podiatrists are leaders in their communities and demonstrated leadership skills are a must. Campus, church and community organizations provide excellent leadership opportunities.

## RESOURCES:

Council on Podiatric Medical Education [www.cpme.org](http://www.cpme.org)

Dr. William M Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine [www.rosalindfranklin.edu](http://www.rosalindfranklin.edu)

American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine  
[www.aacpm.org/colleges/](http://www.aacpm.org/colleges/)

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**BE PREPARED: UPDATE THIS FORM BEFORE MEETING WITH YOUR ADVISOR**

## SAMPLE COURSE SEQUENCE:

The suggested course sequence accounts for typical podiatry school prerequisites and general education requirements, assuming the foreign language requirement has been completed. It does not include all requirements for a bachelor degree from EIU.

FRESHMAN	
FALL	SPRING
<b>ENG 1001G</b> <b>BIO 1500</b> <b>CHM 1310G/1315G</b> <b>PSY 1879G</b>	<b>ENG 1002G</b> <b>CHM 1410/1415</b> <b>Gen Ed Elective</b>
SOPHOMORE	
FALL	SPRING
<b>BIO 3120</b> <b>CHM 2440/2445</b> <b>Gen Ed Elective</b>	<b>BIO 3200</b> <b>CHM 2840/2845</b> <b>BIO 2210</b> <b>Gen Ed Elective</b>
JUNIOR	
FALL	SPRING
<b>BIO 2220</b> <b>PHY 1151G/1152G (Fall ONLY)</b> <b>CHM 3450 (Fall ONLY)</b> <i>MCAT Prep</i>	<b>BIO 4750 OR MAT 2250G</b> <b>PHY 1161/1162 (Spring ONLY)</b> <b>CMN 1310G</b> <i>MCAT Exam/Apply to Podiatry School</i>
SENIOR	
FALL	SPRING
<b>EIU 4***G</b> <b>Gen Ed Elective</b> <i>Podiatry School Admission Interviews</i>	<b>Gen Ed Elective</b> <i>Pre-Health Advising Exit Interview</i>