## WHY PODIATRY?



## PODIATRISTS ARE PHYSICIANS, SURGEONS, AND SPECIALISTS WHO:

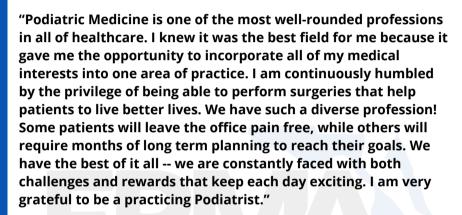
- Treat a wide range of patients and conditions within a variety of practice settings.
- Treat patients from diagnosis, through conservative care, surgery, and recovery, while developing meaningful patient relationships.
- Earn a salary comparable with other physician specialties, while working an average of 40–60 hours a week and maintaining work-life balance.
- Work in a number of subspecialties including diabetic wound care, surgery, sports medicine, dermatology, pediatrics, and more.
- Receive training comparable to other medical specialties through a highly specialized and straightforward pathway by attending four years of podiatric medical school, followed by a three-year, hospital-based residency.
- 99% of podiatric medical students are placed into a podiatric residency program after completing their degree.

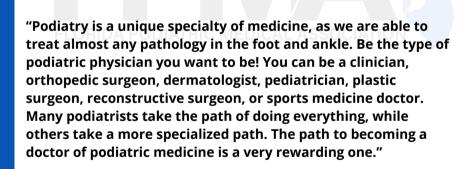
EDUCATION AND TRAINING: A COMPARISON	DPM	MD & DO
Bachelor's Degree, MCAT, and other pre-med requirements (shadowing, interning, etc.)	4+ Years	4+ Years
Attend Medical School		4 Years
Attend Podiatric Medical School	4 Years	
Residency Training	3 Years	3-7 Years
Fellowship Training	Optional - varies in length	Optional - varies in length
Obtain License	Scope varies depending on state in which you practice	Scope varies depending on the specialty within the state in which you practice
Continuing Medical Education to Maintain License	Ongoing	Ongoing

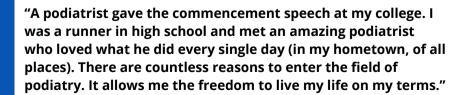


## FPMA Young Physicians Share Why They Chose Podiatry

"I chose podiatric foot and ankle surgery over other medical specialties because it allows me to address complex lower extremity issues with a focus on surgical intervention, offering the opportunity to make a profound impact on patients' lives by restoring their mobility and relieving pain. The combination of surgical skills and specialized knowledge in this field perfectly aligns with my passion for providing comprehensive care for patients with foot and ankle conditions, making it the ideal choice for me."









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