

# Pre-podiatry at Clemson University

**A podiatrist is a specialist in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of conditions affecting the foot, ankle and related structures of the leg.**

They can treat injuries as well as complications from ongoing health issues such as diabetes. There are many reasons students choose a career as a podiatrist. Podiatrists work directly with patients. They earn salaries comparable to MDs and DOs. Podiatrists work an average of just over 40 hours per week, which is much below the average work week for most sought after specialties.

## Applying to podiatry programs

In addition to doing well academically, students should be achievement-oriented, open-minded, compassionate, motivated and have a strong attention to detail.

## Plan your path

**Core prerequisites checklist for many podiatry programs:**

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Organic chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Physics
- Sociology
- Psychology



*Applicants must have 90 undergraduate hours (24 hours in the life and natural sciences) before applying to a podiatry college. An increasing number of programs require a bachelor's degree.*

## Gain experience

- ▶ Job shadow a podiatrist.
- ▶ Apply for internships in a podiatrist office.
- ▶ Seek opportunities for research experience.

## Find out more

The American Podiatric Medical Association provides resources for students considering becoming a podiatrist as a career.

- ▶ Visit [apma.org](http://apma.org) for more information.

## Podiatrist career options

- ▶ General practice
- ▶ Sports medicine
- ▶ Pediatrics
- ▶ Dermatology
- ▶ Radiology
- ▶ Geriatrics
- ▶ Diabetic foot care

## Podiatry schools

- ▶ Midwestern University
- ▶ Samuel Merritt University
- ▶ Western University of Health Sciences
- ▶ Barry University
- ▶ Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- ▶ Des Moines University
- ▶ New York College of Podiatric Medicine
- ▶ Temple University
- ▶ Kent State University



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# HPA Planning Worksheet

	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
YEAR 1			
YEAR 2			
YEAR 3			
YEAR 4			
YEAR 5/GAP			



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