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PODIATRIC MEDICINE (D.P.M.)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

CSULB courses which fulfill admission requirements for most U.S. programs: Students maintain responsibility for verifying course selection with individual programs.

Coursework	CSULB Courses
One year of General Chemistry with Lab	Chemistry 111A & 111B
One year of Organic Chemistry with Lab	Chemistry 220A & 220B + 320L (Chem./ Biochem. majors) OR
	220A w/ 223A & 220B w/ 223B (Biology and other majors)
One year of General Biology with Lab	Biology 211 & 212 & 213
One year of General Physics with Lab	Physics 100A & 100B OR 151 & 152 & 254
One (or more) course in Biochemistry (MCAT)	Chemistry 441A and/or 441B or 448
Microbiology	Biology 311
One semester to one year of Calculus	Math 119A OR 122 & 123
One year of English	English 100 AND another course from the English department
	such as: 102, 180, 300
Social and Behavioral Sciences (MCAT)	Sociology 100 and Psychology 100 (MCAT 2015)

IMPORTANT FACTORS CONSIDERED FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

STANDARDIZED TEST: Students must take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) for admissions.

CLINICAL EXPOSURE: Direct exposure to podiatry, either volunteer or paid, shadowing, leadership, service to others, and research, are all recommended experiences to become competitive for podiatry school.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Many programs require at least 1-3 letters of recommendation, although more may be recommended as part of the admissions process. Many schools require at least 1 letter from a podiatrist the applicant has shadowed as well as letters from science faculty.

ADMISSIONS: The American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service (AACPMAS) is used for applications to podiatry school.

ADMISSIONS STATISTICS: The national average GPA for the Fall 2018 entering class was 3.30 (Total) and 3.20 (Science). The average overall MCAT score was 494.1.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA)

American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM)

o AACPMC: Student Brochure (pdf)