Western University of Health Sciences was founded in 1977 as a non-profit, graduate university for the health professions, located in Pomona, California – a city of approximately 160,000 residents, located 35 miles east of Los Angeles.

WesternU’s College of Podiatric Medicine enrolled its inaugural class in 2009, dedicated to preparing 21st century physicians and surgeons for the practice of the specialty of Podiatric Medicine. The curriculum uses a case-based approach to teach all systems of the human body comprehensively, in a curriculum shared with the osteopathic medical students. Students are introduced to concepts in large group sessions, often led by clinicians, and then continue their work in small, interprofessional groups. The podiatry-specific portion of the curriculum is delivered using this same innovative style of large group-small group, always led by podiatric physicians. This active learning is supported by academic research and was championed by a world-renowned educational team led by Drs. Lawrence Harkless and Lester Jones. The College is located in a new $100 million dollar building, outfitted with state-of-the-art technology.

In keeping with APMA’s “VISION 2015” for parity between allopathic, osteopathic and podiatric medicine, the first two years are shared with WesternU’s College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, to ensure equal education and training for podiatric students. WesternU’s focus on an interprofessional curriculum provides a forum to collaborate and learn with students in many healthcare programs. Each student is afforded the opportunity for early networking with other healthcare professionals, preparing the future podiatric physician an opportunity to better serve his or her patients.

Third-year core rotations are based in academic medical centers in the greater Los Angeles area, including Olive View-UCLA, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Riverside County Regional Medical Center and Veterans Administration facilities. Fourth-year core rotations provide students with the opportunity to broaden their perspectives at facilities nationwide.

**MISSION STATEMENT:**
The mission of Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine is academic excellence achieved through an innovative curriculum, inter-professional education and research that trains podiatric physicians and surgeons to integrate into the healthcare system as compassionate specialists for patients with lower extremity conditions.

**TYPE OF INSTITUTION:** PRIVATE
**DATE FOUNDED:** 1977
**TERM TYPE:** SEMESTER

**CAMPUS SETTING:** SUBURBAN
**CAMPUS HOUSING:** ADJACENT
**ANNUAL CLASS SIZE:** 50

**PREPARATION**
Successful completion of three years undergraduate premedical education at a regionally-accredited institution

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PREFERRED:** YES

**ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS:** 90
**QUARTER UNIT HOURS:** 135

**ACCEPTS ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDITS:** CASE-BY-CASE BASIS
ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS OF 2014 ENTERING CLASS:
BACCALAUREATE: 37 # OF STUDENTS APPLIED: 477
MASTERS: 1 # OF STUDENTS MATRICULATED: 42
PH.D. OR OTHER DOCTORATE: 0

PREPARATION EXTRAS:
WE RECOMMEND SHADOWING A PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN PRIOR TO APPLICATION. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE LOCATING A DPM IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONTACT US FOR A REFERRAL. WESTERNU’S COLLEGE OF PODIATIC MEDICINE REQUIRES A DPM LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION PRIOR TO MATRICULATION.

MCAT
MCAT: MANDATORY
MCAT EXAMS TAKEN MORE THAN THREE (3) YEARS PRIOR TO APPLICATION ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

LATEST MCAT TEST ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTABLE FOR 2015 APPLICATION CYCLE: JUNE

2014 MCAT RESULTS

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APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION SERVICE: AACPMAS

EARLIEST FILING DATE: OPENING DATE OF AACPMAS

LATEST FILING DATE: THE FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE IS JUNE 30TH OF EACH YEAR FOR FALL ADMISSION OF THE SAME YEAR

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION REQUIRED: NO
Recommendation Letters: Yes
A recommendation from your pre-professional advisory committee or two letters from science faculty and a letter of recommendation from a podiatric physician.

Send Letters of Recommendation By:
Interfolio: Yes  Virtual Evals: Yes
Paper: Yes

Send Paper Letters To:
Western University of Health Sciences
Attention: CPM Admissions
309 East Second Street
Pomona, CA 91766

Mandatory On-Campus Interview: Yes

Pre-Podiatry: Not Reported

Current Student Services:
- Academic Counseling and Tutoring
- Internships, Externships, or Extramural Programs
- Community Service Opportunities
- Personal Counseling
- Professional and Career Development Programming
- Mentoring
- Training for Those Interested in Academic Careers

Active Student Organizations:
- 89+ Diverse Clubs and Interest Groups.

More information on student life and specific clubs can be found at:
http://prospective.westernu.edu/podiatry/student

Entering Class Demographics:
- Male: 56%
- Female: 44%
- Age:
  - Range: 21 - 45
  - Average: 26

Entering Class Demographics (continued)
- White: 44%
- Spanish/Hispanic/Latino/Latina: 5%
- Asian: 27%
- Black or African American: 5%
- Two or More Races: 7%
- Unknown: 12%

Application Process (continued)

Deposit
- Required to Hold Place: Yes
- Deposit Amount: $1,000.00
- Deposit Due: As indicated in the admissions offer
- Refundable: No
- Applied to Tuition: Yes

Combined Degrees Offered
- Degree: Yes
- M.B.A.
- M.P.H.
- M.S.
- Ph.D.
- Other

Special Programs and Services
- Pre-Podiatry: Not Reported

Deposit
- Required to Hold Place: Yes
- Deposit Amount: $1,000.00
- Deposit Due: As indicated in the admissions offer
- Refundable: No
- Applied to Tuition: Yes
All coursework taken from non-US institutions, including Canada, must be submitted to an approved service for evaluation.

- WORLD EDUCATION SERVICES
  BOWLING GREEN STATION
  P.O. BOX 5087
  NEW YORK, NY 10274-5087
  212-966-6311
  WWW.WES.ORG

- JOSEF SILNY & ASSOCIATES (JSA)
  7101 SW 102 AVENUE
  MIAMI, FL 33173
  (305) 273-1616

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for all applicants submitting coursework from foreign schools. A minimum score of 213 for the computer-based test or 79 for the Internet-based test must be submitted at the time of application. Scores are valid for two years. For more information on the TOEFL contact Education Testing Service (ETS) at 800-468-6335 or visit their website at www.ets.org.

Questions regarding immigration status, documents, SEVIS, etc. may be directed to Kathy Ford at (909) 469-5542 or kford@westernu.edu

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Students can expect the same treatment from WesternU that a patient should expect from an able health professional. This is especially true at the Financial Aid Office, where students can depend on friendly professionals who can answer questions, assist with paperwork and help identify possible funding resources. Financial aid counselors are available to meet one-on-one. They will take the time to examine each individual financial situation, and help to generate ideas for the best funding solution for students and their families.

Students should investigate the various federal, state, and other public and commercial funding sources available to help pay for their education. Additionally, there is another major sector that provides crucial support to WesternU students. It is the world of private philanthropy: those individuals, corporations, and foundations who willingly accept the responsibility of serving as good citizens of the larger society. These benefactors contribute to assisting students in achieving their educational goals and ultimately to the quality of health care delivered to the public.

More information on financial aid and scholarship opportunities can be found at: HTTP://WWW.WESTERNU.EDU/FINANCIAL-ABOUT