The California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM) was founded in 1914 and is known for its hands-on, early approach to clinical education. Clinical rotations begin at the start of the second academic year in late May to early June.

During the summer months, second year students begin to participate in clinical rotations, which cover mechanical orthopedics, radiology, general and primary podiatric medicine. The majority of the third year and the entire fourth year are devoted to clinical rotations at inpatient and outpatient facilities, community practice clerkships, and outside clerkships at affiliated Bay Area medical centers and throughout the United States. The educational program leading to the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree consists of a comprehensive curriculum in the basic medical and clinical sciences. The didactic course work is completed during the first three years of the program. Demonstrating academic excellence in podiatric medical education for over a century, CSPM offers a number of advantages to students.

MISSION STATEMENT:
The California School of Podiatric Medicine is committed to provide excellent podiatric medical education across the spectrum of healthcare delivery, meaningful community service, and innovative research.

VISION STATEMENT:
To achieve this mission we will treat everyone with compassion and respect, work cooperatively and inter-professionally, hold ourselves to the highest levels of ethical conduct, continuously strive to improve our performance, and manage our resources prudently.

VALUES STATEMENT:
We are committed to:

- Advocate and maintain a culture of dignity, compassion and respect.
- Promote diversity in scholarship, service and research.
- Utilize a multi-disciplinary approach to education, research and healthcare delivery.
- Provide podiatric care and treatment to the underserved.
- Encourage and support scholarly activity and research.
- Foster the principles of lifelong, self-directed learning.

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: PRIVATE
DATE FOUNDED: 1914
TERM TYPE: SEMESTER
CAMPUS SETTING: URBAN
CAMPUS HOUSING: NO
ENTERING CLASS SIZE: 48
Baccalaureate degree preferred: Yes

Acceptable minimum number of semester hours: 90
Quarter unit hours: 135

Accepts advanced placement (AP) credits: Yes

Academic preparedness of 2018 entering class:

Baccalaureate: 38
Masters: 7
Ph.D. or other doctorate: 0

Preparation extras:

The California School of Podiatric Medicine accepts a maximum of 60 community college credits.

Advanced placement credits are accepted for prerequisite coursework; however, the student must prove they can be successful in upper division science courses.

In regards to letters of recommendation from a practicing podiatric physician, there is no maximum or minimum number of shadowing hours.

Advanced standing/transfer policy: Eligible students will not be considered beyond the first semester of year two. Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00, cannot have received any failing grades or be in jeopardy of receiving failing grades at the prior podiatric medicine or other medical school, or have a record of disciplinary proceedings. The student’s first year curriculum must parallel CSPM’s first year curriculum to be considered for advanced standing beyond the first year.

**PREPARATION**

**PREREQUISITE**

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**OTHER**

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| OTHER LIBERAL ARTS | | | 12/18 |

**ADDITIONAL SCIENCE COURSEWORK**

| ANATOMY | | | 4/6 |
| BIOCHEMISTRY* | | | 4/6 |
| HISTOLOGY | | | 4/6 |
| IMMUNOLOGY | | | 4/6 |
| MICROBIOLOGY | | | 4/6 |
| PHYSIOLOGY | | | 4/6 |

*A total of 4 semester units of biochemistry may be substituted for the second semester of organic chemistry*

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

**APPLICATION SERVICE:** AACPMAS

**EARLIEST FILING DATE:** OPENING DATE OF AACPMAS

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION REQUIRED:** NO

**RECOMMENDATION LETTERS:** YES

1. One letter of recommendation from a practicing podiatric physician.

2. Two letters of recommendation from college faculty or a letter of recommendation from a pre-professional advisory board.

**SEND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION BY:**

LETTERS BY LIAISON: YES
PAPER: YES
INTERFOLIO: YES
VIRTUAL EVALS: NO

**SEND PAPER LETTERS TO:**

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE
OFFICE OF ADMISSION
3100 TELEGRAPH AVENUE, SUITE 1000
OAKLAND, CA 94609

**MANDATORY ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW:** YES

**MCAT**

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

**LATEST MCAT TEST ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTABLE FOR APPLICATION CYCLE:** MAY

**2018 MCAT RESULTS**

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**2018 GPA RESULTS**

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**ENTERING CLASS DEMOGRAPHICS**

MALE: 58%
FEMALE: 42%
WHITE: 12%
SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO/LATINA: 15%
ASIAN: 47%
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN: 6%
PACIFIC ISLANDER: 1%
MORE THAN 2 RACES: 3%
NOT REPRESENTED: 16%
All international applicants (including Canadian citizens) have special requirements. Please contact the Office of Admission for details (admission@samuelmerritt.edu). International applicants are strongly encouraged to observe the priority deadline of April 1st; obtaining a student visa can take up to three months. All foreign academic transcripts must be evaluated by a U.S. evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluations Services (NACES) for degree, course content, semester unit equivalencies, and science and cumulative GPAs prior to the application deadline. Information on NACES may be found at www.naces.org.

International students whose primary language is not English must submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). If the TOEFL is required, a minimum internet based test (iBT) score of 100 must be achieved and official scores must be provided. In addition, applicants must take the Test of Spoken English (TSE).

Summer Enrichment Workshop

The CSPM Podiatry Experience:

Pre-podiatry:

• M.B.A.
• M.P.H.
• M.S.
• Ph.D.
• Other

Special Programs and Services

Pre-Physical Therapy:

The CSPM Podiatry Experience:

Summer Enrichment Workshop

www.samuelmerritt.edu/cspmexperience

Current Student Services:

• Counseling and Wellness Services
• Peer Tutoring
• Academic Support
• Study Skills, Test Taking, Time Management
• Writing Support
• Disability Support Services
• Professional and Career Guidance/Support

Active Student Organizations:

• Alumni & Associates, Student Chapter
• American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine (AAPSM)
• American Academy of Podiatric Practice Management (AAPPM)
• American Association of Women Podiatrists (AAWP)
• American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS)
• Alpha Gamma Kappa (AGK)
• American Podiatric Medical Students Association (APMSA)
• American Public Health Association (APHA)
• American Society of Podiatric Dermatology (ASPD)
• American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS)
• Biomechanics Club
• Calcaneus (Yearbook)
• National Foot and Ankle Review (Research Journal)
• Intercultural Podiatric Outreach
• Pi Delta National Podiatric Medical Student Honor Society
• Podiatric Homeless Health Project – Pes Clinicus
• Practice Management Club (PMC)
• Journal Club
• Student Body Association

Financial Aid and Scholarship Information

At Samuel Merritt University, we are committed to help make your podiatric medical education possible. Your education is an important investment in your career and personal growth. The Financial Aid Staff will explain the options that make the cost of attending CSPM manageable for you. Through a financial aid award consisting of loans, scholarships, and work study programs, we are able to assist over 90% of our students with the cost of attendance. The Financial Aid Office at Samuel Merritt University is committed to providing you with access to financial aid resources and information that will enable you to pursue your educational, personal, and professional goals of becoming a podiatric physician. The Federal Direct Unsubsidized, Federal Direct Graduate Plus, and the Health Professional Student Loans are available to assist with cost of tuition, fees and living expenses.

All accepted students are considered for Regent’s and Dean’s scholarships. Awarding of these scholarships is based on a “scholarship score” that is determined by the admission office at the time of application. Scholarships are renewable based on maintaining academic achievement while in school. In addition, continuing students may compete for numerous DPM-specific scholarships during their subsequent years in the program. During the 2018/2019 school year, CSPM awarded $595,150.00 in scholarships to the podiatric medical students. Additionally, we know today’s students are interested in not only cost and financial aid, but also on their Return on Investment (ROI).

愕 93% of the last five graduating classes found employment in their field within 6 months after completion of their residency.

愕 Graduating students most often cite the overall education received, as well as the faculty, as top reasons for recommending CSPM to others.

愕 Of the past five graduating classes surveyed, the students rated themselves as being “well prepared” in their clinical competencies.

EXTRAS

Samuel Merritt University is a proud participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program established by the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.

For eligibility information regarding the Yellow Ribbon Program, please visit: www.gibill.va.gov

For the most up to date information, please visit the college’s website.

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