WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, COLLEGE OF PODIATIC MEDICINE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

WesternU’s College of Podiatric Medicine, founded in 2007, is different. The groundbreaking curriculum uses a new approach to podiatric medicine based on real world case studies, non-textbook critical thinking, problem solving, and skill building in an interactive team approach. Our four-year program allows you to learn with an integrated team of health professionals in a part of the country with a wealth of clinical opportunities.

In keeping with APMA’s “Vision 21st Century Path to Parity” between allopathic, osteopathic and podiatric medicine, the first two years of the curriculum at WesternU’s College of Podiatric Medicine is the same as our College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. WesternU’s focus on an interprofessional curriculum provides a forum to collaborate and learn with students in other health-care programs. The curriculum will deliver an opportunity for early networking with other health professionals and ultimately prepare you to better serve your patients.

The podiatric medicine program is housed in our new $400 million building, outfitted with the newest and latest educational technology, in sunny Southern California. This curriculum was developed by an internationally renowned team with over 35 years of podiatric medical experience. Drs. Lawrence Harkless, Lester Jones, and Robert Christman are recognized for their leadership in the diabetic foot, biomechanics and radiology fields.

MISSION STATEMENT:
The mission of Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine is to mentor and educate students by providing innovative educational experiences, including interprofessional patient care, and producing in them a passion to improve the lives of others.

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: PRIVATE
DATE FORMED: 1977
TERM TYPE: SEMESTER

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: 125

ACCEPTS ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDITS: CLEP BY CASE BASIS

ACADEMIC PREPARREDNESS OF 2018 ENTERING CLASS:

BACCALAUREATE: 29
MASTERS: 2
DOCTOR OR OTHER DOCTORATE: 0

PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

PREREQUISITE REQUIRED RECOMMENDED LAB REQUIRED CREDITS

BCP (BIOLOGY–CHEMISTRY–PHYSICS) SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

CHEMISTRY

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

PHYSICS

ENGLISH COMPOSITION

RECOMMENDED

R/12
R/12
R/12
R/12
R/8
G/9

PREPARATION EXTRAS:
WE RECOMMEND SHADOWING A PODIATIC 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 REQUIRE A DPM LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION PRIOR TO MATRICULATION.

MCAT: MANDATORY

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

LATEST MCAT TEST ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTABLE FOR APPLICATION CYCLE: JUNE

[BEFORE TEST DATE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]

2018 MCAT RESULTS

ENROLLEE SCORES RANGE AVERAGE

MCAT TOTAL 483–507 498

2018 GPA RESULTS

ENROLLEE GPA RANGE AVERAGE

SCIENCE GPA 2.09–3.94 3.28
OVERALL GPA 2.70–3.92 3.36

APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION SERVICE: AADPMS

EARLIEST FILING DATE: OPENING DATE OF AADPMS

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
APPLICATION PROCESS (CONTINUED)

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS: YES

WUPM requires one letter of recommendation from a practicing podiatric physician.

SEND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION BY: LETTERS BY LIAISON: YES INTERFOLIO: YES PAPER: YES VIRTUAL EVALUATION: YES

SEND PAPER LETTERS TO: WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES ATTENTION: DPM ADMISSIONS 209 EAST SECOND STREET POMONA, CA 91766

MANDATORY ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW: YES

ENTERING CLASS DEMOGRAPHICS (CONTINUED)

ENTRANT CLASS DEMOGRAPHICS

- MALE: 58%
- FEMALE: 42%

AGE:
- RANGE: 21 - 44
- AVERAGE: 26

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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 5057
  NEW YORK, NY 10276-5057
  212-968-8700
  WWW.WES.ORG

- J.M. SEIDEL & ASSOCIATES (ISA)
  3701 SW 302 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 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 800-468-4339 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 healthcare delivered to the public.

More information on financial aid and scholarship opportunities can be found at:

HTTP://WWW.WESTERNU.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID