

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE



Three medical professionals, two women and one man, are gathered around a table, practicing a procedure on a foot model. The woman in the center is using a surgical instrument to work on the model. The man on the left is observing. The woman on the right is also observing. They are all wearing white lab coats. The woman in the center has a name tag that says "Dr. Cavalliere". The woman on the right has a name tag that says "Fast & Surge".

**COMMITTED
TO ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE
IN PODIATRIC
MEDICAL
EDUCATION**

 **TEMPLE**
UNIVERSITY
School of Podiatric Medicine



THE SCHOOL OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE is situated in the heart of downtown Philadelphia and integrated with both the university and Temple University Health System, a comprehensive academic health science center. Our students train in interdisciplinary settings with Temple University physicians and healthcare professionals.

Our third- and fourth-year students participate in rotations in the Temple University Health System, where they gain significant exposure to and training in treating patient trauma. TUSPM students also rotate through Temple's multiple specialty centers and clinics, including

- the Foot and Ankle Institute,
- the Leonard S. Abrams Center for Advanced Wound Healing,
- the Charcot Center,
- the Limb Salvage Center and
- the Lymphedema Clinic, as well as hundreds of other settings nationwide.

To prepare for this clinical experience, students follow a rigorous curriculum that provides a foundation in the basic sciences, with a focus on the lower extremities and their role in the body's physiological systems.





WHAT IS A PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN?

Podiatric medicine focuses on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of problems and diseases of the feet, ankles and lower extremities. A practitioner in this field is a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine—a DPM—and plays an integral role in healthcare.

Podiatrists don't simply care for feet; they treat patients holistically, focusing on the link between problems of the foot and lower extremities and overall health and wellness. Serious problems of the feet or lower extremities can adversely affect the overall health and well-being of a patient, and conversely, systemic disorders like diabetes or cardiovascular disease can manifest first as foot conditions. These complex relationships demand skilled practitioners trained to detect and treat a variety of related diseases.

There are many specialties for podiatric physicians, including

- dermatology,
- diabetes,
- geriatrics,
- orthopedics,
- pediatrics,
- sport medicine,
- surgery and wound care.

TUSPM FAST FACTS

- An on-campus full-body physical therapy practice allows students to gain valuable experience.
- TUSPM is the only school of podiatric medicine in the tristate area of Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
- The Foot and Ankle Institute is one of the largest podiatric medical facilities, handling more than 35,000 patient visits each year.
- The Gait Study Center, one of the nation's most advanced facilities, utilizes "Opto Gait," a portable system for analyzing gait, jumping and running. The center includes a 3-D motion capture system and foot pressure mapping and offers research opportunities.
- TUSPM's library is one of the largest podiatric medical libraries in the U.S.

**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE'S (TUSPM) MISSION:
TO EDUCATE HIGHLY QUALIFIED, ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL PODIATRIC
MEDICAL STUDENTS WHO, UPON COMPLETION OF THE CURRICULUM,
ARE PREPARED FOR LICENSURE AND ENTRY INTO POST-GRADUATE
MEDICAL EDUCATION, AND TO ADVANCE OUR PROFESSION THROUGH
QUALITY PATIENT CARE, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND RESEARCH.**



FROM BASIC SCIENCE TO CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

By becoming a student at TUSPM, you will make a commitment to excellence in education. It's a journey from basic science to clinical experience.

FIRST YEAR

You will develop a solid foundation in the anatomical and physiological sciences through studies highlighting biochemistry, biomechanics, gross and lower extremity anatomy, microscopic and developmental anatomy, neurosciences, physiology, and the fundamentals of podiatric practice.

SECOND YEAR

You will study microbiology and immunology, orthopedics, pathology, pharmacology, surgery and other areas. You'll also experience significant patient interaction during the Fundamentals of Podiatric Practice course.

THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS

In the third and fourth years, students gain extensive clinical experience through rotations in various specialties, including anesthesia, internal medicine, podiatric surgery, primary podiatric medicine, radiology and vascular medicine/surgery. Elective rotations may include infectious diseases, emergency medicine, endocrinology, orthopedics and diabetic wound care.

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

All podiatric medical school graduates are required to complete a standard three-year surgical residency program, comprising

- one year of podiatric medicine
- a second year focusing on fore-foot surgery, and
- a third year on rear-foot and reconstructive surgery.

TUSPM graduates earn placements in the most prestigious residency programs across the country. Many graduates have been selected to complete their postgraduate training within Temple University Health System.

Once training is complete, graduates pursue practice opportunities in podiatric medical, surgical, multidisciplinary, orthopedics or private practices.

TEMPLE'S CLINICAL CENTERS

- The Ambulatory Surgical Center provides foot and ankle surgery to patients onsite, without a hospital stay.
- The Charcot Center treats Charcot foot, a disease process that affects patients with nerve damage.
- The Leonard S. Abrams Center for Advanced Wound Healing is an outpatient center specializing in diabetic, neuropathic, vascular or traumatic wound that serves thousands of patients each year.
- The Limb Salvage Center at Temple University Hospital is a multidisciplinary clinic that aims to prevent amputations as a result of diabetes and other diseases.
- The Diabetic Center of Excellence at the Health Sciences Campus in North Philadelphia provides care in an area of the city that has high incidences of diabetes.
- The Lymphedema Clinic at the School of Podiatric Medicine's Foot and Ankle Institute is the first podiatric-run lymphedema and diabetic ulcer clinic in Philadelphia. It specializes in reducing lower extremity swelling and pain to increase mobility and improve quality of life for patients.

TUITION, FINANCIAL AID AND HOUSING

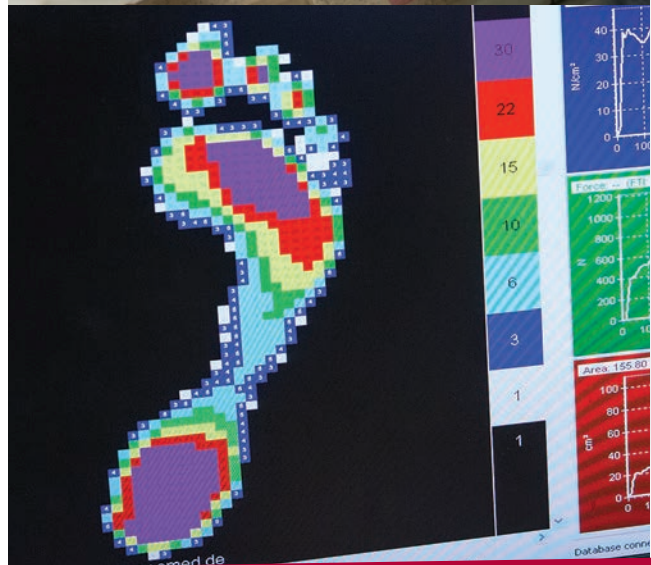
For the 2019-2020 academic year, annual out-of-state tuition is \$43,200. For Pennsylvania residents, tuition is \$41,344. We anticipate a modest 2 to 4 percent increase for subsequent academic years.

The cost of living, excluding tuition and fees, is about \$21,000 to \$25,000 per year for a single student.

Temple is dedicated to helping ease the financial burden of education. More than \$800,000 in scholarships are awarded annually to students in all four TUSPM classes, and roughly 90 percent of podiatry students receive some sort of financial aid in the form of loans, scholarships or work-study opportunities.

For more information, contact Student Financial Services at 215-777-5747.

On-campus housing for up to 127 students is available in one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. Student Affairs maintains a list of other nearby housing opportunities.



APPLYING TO TUSPM

The Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine participates in the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service, which allows students to complete a single application for admission to the nine colleges of podiatric medicine in the U.S. Apply online at aacpmas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login.

Admission requirements include the following.

- You must have a bachelor's degree or 90 undergraduate credits, including six credits of English and eight credits each of inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology and physics (Science requirements must include a lab course.)
- There are two options for submitting letters of recommendation from faculty. In addition to a letter from a doctor of podiatric medicine, you can submit either
 - two letters from science faculty members, or
 - one letter from a college pre-health advisory committee.
- Come to campus for an on-campus interview.
- Include your scores from the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).

Admission is only for the fall semester.

FREE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Join us in January and June, when we offer free winter or summer internship programs. To learn more, visit podiatry.temple.edu/admissions/internship-programs.

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