



Podiatrist

A **podiatrist** is a doctor of podiatric medicine (DPM) who diagnoses, treats, operates, and prescribes for any disease, injury, deformity, or other condition of the foot. Podiatrists can treat any condition of the foot, such as the following:

- injuries to bones (including fractures), tendons and soft tissue
- foot problems resulting from illness such as diabetes, arthritis, AIDS, and cardiovascular diseases
- bacterial and fungal infections, as well as skin and nail disorders
- benign and cancerous tumors
- congenital and acquired deformities

Education

At least 60 semester hours of college study from a Department registered program, or equivalent, including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics
AND

Receive the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from a [Department-registered](#) podiatry licensure program, or equivalent.

Experience

At least one year of supervised postgraduate hospital training in podiatry approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

Examination

Parts I, II, and III of the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) examination.

Video



Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$129,550 in the U.S., \$130,230 in NY
- Salary range: \$97,890-\$190,600
- Projected growth: faster than average

Where Could I Work?

- Hospitals and clinics
- Private and community practice
- Nursing homes
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Colleges and universities

Academic Skills

- Preparation in the sciences
- Planning and performing medical procedures

Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Analytical thinking
- Attention to detail
- Communication

What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Tip: try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a podiatrist about what they do and how they got started!

- ▶ Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.