



BS IN HEALTH SCIENCES/ DOCTOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE (DPM)

The Pathways Honors Early Opportunity Accelerated Degree program (3+4) with Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS), Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine is available to Pathways Honors students pursuing a BS in Health Sciences (BioScience). Following three (3) years of study at DePaul, if accepted, students will begin their Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree during their fourth (4th) year of study at RFUMS in North Chicago, IL. Once a student completes their fourth (4th) year at RFUMS, which is also their first (1st) year of podiatry school, the student will transfer courses back to DePaul and receive their Bachelor of Science: Health Sciences. The student will then continue their DPM education at RFUMS.

THE PROGRAM

The Early Opportunity Accelerated Degree program through the Pathways Honors Program at DePaul University and RFUMS prepares students to:

- Learn alongside students from other programs, with an interprofessional focus that encourages team-based learning.
- See the whole patient while they focus on lower extremities.
- Be exposed to emerging technologies that prepare students to serve in interprofessional and multidisciplinary medical care delivery systems.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Outstanding faculty. DePaul's faculty are dedicated to student success, working to provide a high quality learning environment, academic and career advising along with co-curricular opportunities. The DePaul faculty and staff take pride in the range of degree programs and opportunities offered to our students. Our professional advisors, modern lab facilities, small class sizes, and engagement of students in research alongside dedicated faculty mentors distinguish a DePaul education. RFUMS faculty have been educating podiatric physician leaders since 1912. The faculty are committed to graduate generations of podiatric physicians who impact the profession in many ways and provides students with state-of-the-art facilities and new, innovative approaches to clinical training to prepare students for podiatric practice in a patient-centered, collaborative care environment.

Accomplished peers. The mix of students at DePaul and RFUMS—with their different backgrounds and perspectives—creates an exciting learning environment that enriches everyone. Students form a network of peers who share similar educational goals, working together in a community of learning and scholarship.

Excellent resources. Dr. William M. Scholl students participate in a multiple rotations including emergency room, internal medicine, surgery, and podiatric medicine and surgery. Some of the clinical rotations could take place at:

- John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
- James A Lovell Federal Health Care Center
- Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

RFUMS is also home to the Scholl Foot & Ankle Center, which provides medical care to the community. The Scholl Foot & Ankle Center specializes in diabetic wound care and is at the forefront of new treatments and technologies.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit go.depaul.edu/PathwaysHonors, email pathwayshonors@depaul.edu or call (312) 362-8704.

PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

SAVE TIME.

Become a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine in seven (7) years. Typically, it would take eight (8) years to complete a Bachelor of Science and a DPM.

SAVE MONEY.

By having courses that count towards both your Bachelor of Science and DPM degrees, you will be saving a year of undergraduate tuition.

SKIP THE TEST.

Students who are accepted to the RFUMS Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine through the Pathways Honors Early Opportunity Program have their MCAT waived.

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	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
YEAR 1	BIO 191 - General Biology CHE 130/131 or CHE 120/131 - General Chemistry I with Lab LSP 110 or 111 - Discover or Explore Chicago WRD 103 - Composition and Rhetoric I	BIO 192 - General Biology II CHE 132/133 - General Chemistry II with Lab LSP 112 - Focal Point Seminar WRD 104 - Composition and Rhetoric II	BIO 193 - General Biology III CHE 134/135 - General Chemistry III with lab HLTH 201 - Introduction to Health Sciences Learning Domain - Arts and Literature
YEAR 2	CHE 230/231 - Organic Chemistry I PHY 150 - General Physics I LSP 200 - Seminar o Multiculturalism in the US HLTH 202 - Health Research Literacy Apply to the Pre-Health Advising Committee by October	CHE 232/233 - Organic Chemistry II PHY 151 - General Physics II HLTH 210 - Introduction to Public Health Learning Domain - Arts and Literature **Learning Domain - Philosophical Inquiry	CHE 234/235 - Organic Chemistry III PHY 152 - General Physics III Learning Domain - Arts and Literature Learning Domain - Social Cultural and Behavioral (PSY 105 or PSY 106) Interview at RFUMS/Find out Decision
YEAR 3	BIO 206 - Biostatistics Learning Domain - Philosophical Inquiry Learning Domain - Social Cultural and Behavioral (SOC 101) Learning Domain - Religious Dimensions (REL 229)	HLTH 301 - Anatomy and Physiology A Learning Domain - Social Cultural Behavioral Learning Domain - Historical Inquiry Learning Domain - Historical Inquiry	BIO 250 - Cell Biology Experiential Learning HLTH 350 - Senior Capstone Learning Domain - Religious Dimensions
YEAR 4	RFUMS - 1st Year Courses* Start double-counted courses at RFUMS	RFUMS - 1st Year Courses*	RFUMS - 1st Year Courses* Transfer courses back to DePaul Apply for DePaul Graduation with a BS in health sciences

**These courses may be fulfilled by AP credits or may be taken over the summer at a local community college after the 1st or 2nd year. DePaul students are charged per credit hour tuition for each quarter hour beyond 18 quarter hours per term. For more details, schedule an appointment with your Pathways Honors academic advisor.

*RFUMS 1st Year Courses:

HIPS 515 - Foundations of Interprofessional Practice (2 cr.)
PBBS 500 A, B, & C - Clinical Anatomy (9 cr.)
PMED 500 A, B, & C - Introduction to Clinical Medicine (6.5 cr.)
PAPB 501 - Understanding and Implementing Clinical Research (1.5 cr.)

PAPB 502 A & B - Biomechanics (6 cr.)
PBBS 502 A & B - Biochemistry (4 cr.)
PBBS 503 A & B - Structure and Function (11 cr.)
PBBS 504 - Neuroscience (5 cr.)
PBBS 505 A & B - Microbiology and Immunology (7 cr.)
PBBS 506 A & B - Lower Extremity Anatomy (8 cr.)
PBBS 507 - Genetics and Medicine (2 cr.)

PMED 502 A & B - Podiatric Medicine and Surgery (3.5 cr.)
PMED 503 - Podiatric Clinical Skills and Reasoning I (2 cr.)

† **Sample of curricula at DePaul and RFUMS courses are subject to change at any time.**

Curriculum

Years 1 through 3: Complete your liberal studies and BS in Health Sciences requirements, including the prerequisite courses for the DPM program. Apply via DePaul's Pre-Health Advising Committee and complete an interview with RFUMS Scholl College faculty and staff.

Year 4: Attend RFUMS and take 13 DPM courses that count towards your DePaul open electives in your BS degree and required courses towards the DPM. At the end of year four (4) after successful completion of your podiatric medical school courses you will graduate from DePaul with a Bachelor of Science: Health Sciences.

Year 5-7: Complete remaining DPM courses.

Eligibility Requirements for the RFUMS DPM Program

- Be a Pathways Honors Student.
- Be enrolled in the BS in Health Sciences with a bioscience concentration and on track to complete the bachelor's degree courses and the DPM prerequisites by the end of your junior year.
- Earn at least a B- in each prerequisite course (Biology, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics, and Writing).
- Shadow a Podiatric Medicine Physician and receive a letter of recommendation from a podiatric physician.
- Apply via established procedures.

Application Deadline

Students can apply either their 1st or 2nd year at DePaul during Autumn Quarter.

How to Apply

Information sessions about how to apply for admission will be held during Autumn Quarter.

The required application material includes:

- Eligibility/registration into the Pre-Health Advising Committee (PAC)
- The PAC online portfolio
- 3-5 Individual letters of recommendation, including one from a science faculty member and one from a podiatric physician.