COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

Pre-Podiatric Medicine
Advisement Guide

Only one Podiatry program exists in the state of California, the California College of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt College, http://www.samuelmerritt.edu/podiatric_medicine, located in San Francisco. A minimum of three years of undergraduate pre-professional education is required for admission to this four-year Doctor of Podiatric Medicine program. However, nearly all students are admitted with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher. The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) is required. There are six other Podiatry programs in the U.S. For more information about these, check with the Association of Podiatric Medicine website (www.apma.org/)

TYPICAL LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS
THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE

• 1 year Biological Science (major-level with lab)
• 1 year General Chemistry (with lab) (College Preparatory Chemistry is a prerequisite)
• 1 year Organic Chemistry (with lab)
• 1 year Physics (with lab)
• 1 year English/Communication Skills
• Additional 8 semester/12quarter units in the Liberal Arts California

It is important that students meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan in conjunction with the requirements listed above and the transfer to a university to earn either additional units or a Bachelor’s Degree.

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