



## **PODIATRISTS**

Podiatrists are medically trained healthcare professionals who specialize in treating disorders of the foot and lower limb. They diagnose diseases, deformities and injuries of the human foot and treat foot pathologies using physical therapy, medications and surgery. They work in private practices, in clinics and hospitals.

### **EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Successful completion of a BSC (Hons) in Podiatry, or equivalent, which must include a course in local anesthetics, from a recognized Podiatry program is required. Please contact the College of Podiatrists of Manitoba for a complete listing of recognized schools.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

There are no work experience requirements for the purpose of becoming licensed as a Podiatrist in Manitoba.

### **ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

To be licensed as a Podiatrist in Manitoba candidates must first apply to **The College of Podiatrists of Manitoba (COPOM)** and submit:

- i) a completed application form, which must be notarized/certified;
- ii) the fee for application (*\$150 non-refundable, in Cdn. funds*);
- iii) a photocopy of the degree received from a podiatry school recognized by the COPOM;
- iv) the name and address of the Dean and Faculty that issued the degree (COPOM's Registrar will contact the Dean to confirm successful completion of said degree course);
- v) a notarized/certified photograph of the applicant taken within the last 12 months, no larger than 3 ½ X 5 inches.
- vi) current professional references: minimum of two, one of which must be from within the profession of podiatry ('current' meaning within the last 6 - 24 months);
- vii) references of good moral character: minimum of two;
- viii) written verification by the original jurisdiction, and by every other jurisdiction, where the applicant is, or has been, registered during the last 7 years, confirming that the applicant was in good standing;

- ix) proof of currency in Continuing Professional Development, CPR and First Aid;
- x) proof of a criminal record check; and
- xi) verification of appropriate immigration status.

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The process for application will commence from the date the Registrar receives all the items on this list. Failure to include all items will delay the application process.

COPOM will review the above submissions. An entrance examination may be required. The fee for the entrance examination is \$300 (non-refundable). Arrangements to write this examination can be made with the registrar of COPOM.

When all requirements have been met and fees have been paid (annual membership fees are \$2,000 and annual malpractice insurance fees start at \$1,000) candidates are licensed in Manitoba as Podiatrists.

The fees, documentation requirements, and assessment process detailed above are subject to change without notice.

For more detailed information contact:

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