

Graduation Requirements (D.P.M)

To receive the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.), the student must complete all requirements within six years of matriculation. To be eligible for graduation the student must:

1. Follow an approved course of study of 213.0 credits leading to the completion of all academic requirements.
2. Satisfactorily complete all academic requirements with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25.
3. Repeat and pass any required course for which an F grade has been issued.
4. Complete the Service Learning requirement (10 hours of volunteer service in a healthcare environment during the first and second years of study).
5. Pass Part I and take Part II of the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination, administered by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.*
6. Be of good moral character.
7. Receive a favorable recommendation from the AZCPM Student Promotion and Graduation Committee.
8. Be recommended for conferral of the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree by the University Faculty Senate.
9. Settle all financial accounts with the University.
10. Complete all graduation clearance requirements as instructed by the Office of the Registrar.

* It is an AZCPM requirement that both Part I and Part II of the APMLE exams be taken the first time they are offered once the student is eligible to take the exams. Students will not be allowed to start rotations during their third year until they have taken and passed Part I of the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE). In addition, students who fail Part I of the APMLE three times may be subject to dismissal. Additionally, the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners requires that the student must pass Part I prior to taking Part II and must also pass Part II prior to taking Part III.