Externship program

The Podiatric Externship is sponsored by Norton Audubon Hospital. Room and board are provided to all externs at no cost. Externs will need transportation for traveling to private offices and various hospital and surgery center locations.

Goals, objectives and responsibilities

Our goal is to provide both surgical and nonsurgical experiences in a structured environment that will help strengthen podiatric medical students’ knowledge of podiatric medicine and surgery. We also provide an externship manual to assist in training. We ask that each extern remain integrally involved during the externship. Externs will rotate with a variety of affiliated podiatric and orthopaedic physicians in surgery and in private offices. Externs are responsible for assisting with pre-, peri- and postoperative management of patients. Externs also will attend all didactic events. They are required to lead a PowerPoint presentation for journal club, as well as participate in case discussions.

Externship application process and requirements

- Externs must complete the required Universal Externship/Clerkship application forms provided by the college’s graduate education placement office
- Externs must maintain a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0

Notification of externships

Those chosen for externships will be notified by mail, email or phone.

Affiliated hospitals and surgery centers

- Norton Healthcare, including Kosair Children’s Hospital, Kosair Children’s Medical Center – Brownsboro, Norton Audubon Hospital, Norton Brownsboro Hospital, Norton Hospital and Norton Suburban Hospital
- Floyd Memorial Hospital (New Albany, Ind.)
- Surgical Center of New Albany (New Albany, Ind.)
- ARC of Kentucky LLC, Dupont Surgery Center
- SurgeCenter of Louisville

For more information about the Kentucky Podiatric Residency Program, contact the program manager at (502) 636-8171 or linda.woolridge@nortonhealthcare.org, or visit NortonHealthcare.com/PodiatryCareers.
About the Kentucky Podiatric Residency Program

The Kentucky Podiatric Residency Program is a three-year podiatric medicine and surgery program (PM&S-36), approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME). Established in 1998, the Kentucky Podiatric Residency Program is the first of its kind in the state and is consistently recognized as one of the leading residency programs in the nation. This training program meets all requirements for certification in foot surgery and reconstructive rearfoot/ankle surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and by the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine.

Under the directorship of Keith Myrick, DPM, the Kentucky Podiatric Residency Program offers residents a structured and diversified educational experience. It is a resource-based, competency-driven and assessment-validated program that consists of three years of post-graduate training in inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical management. The program provides training resources that facilitate the resident’s sequential and progressive achievements of specific competencies pertaining to CPME requirements.

Led by a faculty of podiatric and non-podiatric physicians, residents have the opportunity to hone their medical and surgical skills in a professional environment. Residency faculty includes a number of physicians certified by the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine as well as physicians certified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery.

Residents in the program rotate through the Norton Healthcare system, which consists of four adult-service hospitals and the state’s only full-service, free-standing children’s hospital.

- Anesthesia/pain management: 1-month block
- Behavioral health: 1-month sequential
- Dermatology: 1-month block
- Emergency medicine: 3-month block
- Family medicine: 2-month block
- Hand/general surgery: 1-month block and case-by-case
- Infectious diseases: 1-month block
- Medical imaging (radiology): 3-month block
- Neurology: 1-month block
- Ortho/trauma care: 6-month block and case-by-case
- Orthopaedics (foot/ankle): 2-month block and case-by-case
- Pathology: 1-month block
- Pediatric orthopaedics: 3-month block and case-by-case
- Plastic surgery: 1-month block
- Podiatric medicine and surgery: 21-month block
- Rheumatology: 1-month sequential
- Vascular surgery: 1-month block
- Wound care/hyperbaric oxygen therapy: 4-month sequential

Didactic (weekly lectures)

- Journal club
- Case presentations
- Trauma conference
- Hands-on workshops; cadaver labs
- Physician lectures

Application information

The three-year program currently accepts two residents each year (a total of six residents).

Application process

The Kentucky Podiatric Residency Program is a member of the following organizations:

- American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM)
- Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems (COTH)
- Central Application Service for Podiatric Residencies (CASPR)

Applicants are required to use the application from CASPR (available from the college’s graduate education placement or directly from CASPR). All approved positions with the Kentucky Podiatric Residency Program must be matched through CASPR. We do not participate in the Centralized Residency Interview Process. Applicants who match will be notified by phone and mail the day of the match.

Application requirements

- Graduate of an approved college of podiatric medicine
- Cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0
- Must sit for the Kentucky licensure exam (Part 3 boards required for license in Kentucky)
- Externship/clerkship with the program is required as a third- or fourth-year student