

# Podiatrist

Foreign Credential Recognition, Alternative Careers,  
and Training Options

## Land Acknowledgement

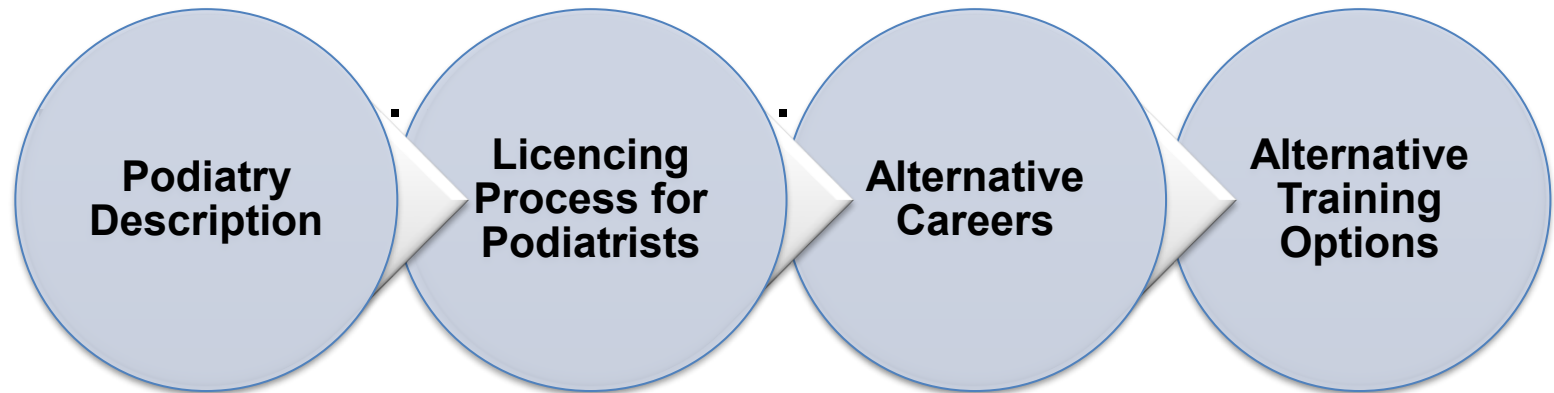
Manitoba Start acknowledges that we are gathered on Treaty 1 territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Anishinewuk, Dakota Oyate, Denesuline, and Nehethowuk nations and the Homeland of the Red River Métis.

We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.

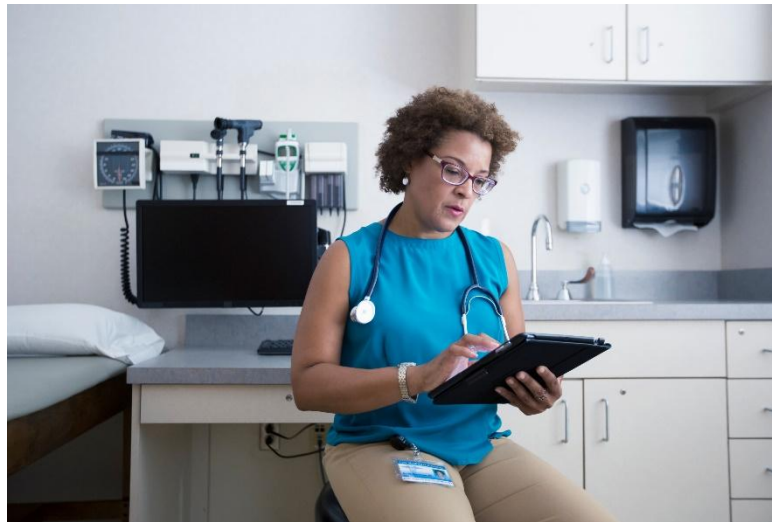
As a newcomer organization, we commit to learning about the histories, cultures, and rights of the Indigenous communities. We strive to build a respectful and supportive relationship for all.

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## What Roles do Podiatrists in Canada Perform?



## Podiatrists (Doctors of Podiatric Medicine)

[NOC website](#)



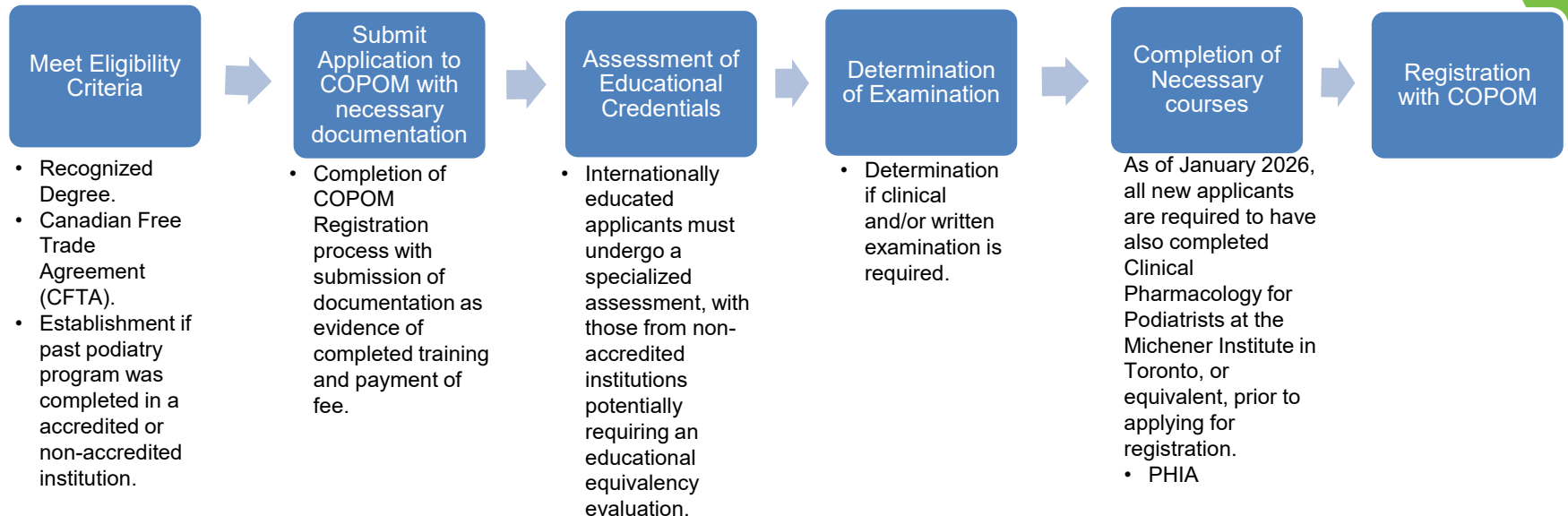
### **Job Duties**

- Diagnose diseases, deformities and injuries of the human foot and communicate diagnoses to patients
- Treat patients using braces, casts, shields, orthotic devices, physical therapy, or prescribed medications
- May also perform surgery on the bones of the forefoot and the subcutaneous soft tissues of the foot.

### **Employment requirements**

- A 4-year doctoral degree program in podiatric medicine available in the United States and in Quebec, normally following completion of a bachelor's degree program, is required.

## Podiatry Licensure Pathway



## Accredited verses Non-Accredited



### Programs from:

- Canada, the UK, Australia and South Africa.
- Complete list of accredited podiatric programs listed on COPOM [application form](#).

- Education from non-accredited programs will require a more detailed credential assessment.
- **Applicant must contact** COPOM prior to beginning process if education was completed from non-accredited institution.

## Submission of to COPOM with necessary documentation

- **Download** and **completed** 'International and New Graduate Application' obtained from [website](#).
- **Documentation that is required: (by mail or email)**
  - Educational certification (Entry level BSC Podiatric Medicine or equivalent).
    - Original copy of transcript and degree, and information of Dean that conferred the degree.
  - Government issued ID with photograph.
  - 3 Professional References.
  - Written verification by jurisdiction(s), confirming applicant is in good standing.
  - Proof of currency (Continuing Professional Development Documentation and CPR & First Aid)
  - Criminal record check.
- **Payment of Fees:**
  - **Application fee:** \$300 received upon completion of application for reviewal from COPOM.
  - **Credential assessment fee:** \$200 must be received before application is reviewed.
  - **Annual Dues:** \$1850 prorated and paid upon confirmation of registration approval.

## Assessment of Educational Credentials

- Internationally educated applicants are required to complete a specialized credential assessment.
- This assessment evaluates the equivalency of education and training to Canadian standards.
- Applicants from non-accredited institutions may be required to undergo an additional educational equivalency evaluation.
- Includes review of academic credentials, evaluation equivalency study, and clinical experience, with determination of required clinical and/or written examinations.
- Outcomes determine eligibility and any additional requirements for licensure.
  - Completion of Clinical Pharmacology course for Podiatrists at the Michener Institute in Toronto, or equivalent.
  - Personal Health Information Act (PHIA).



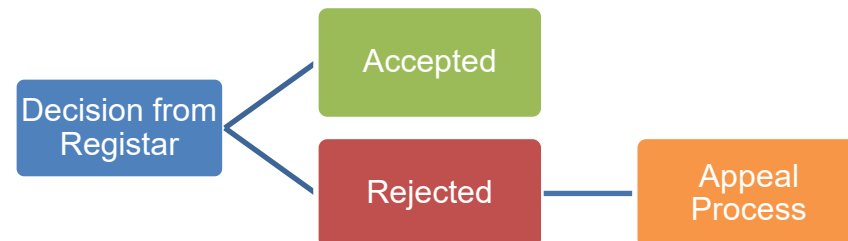
## Expectations from COPOM Feedback

### Timeframe of Application Process

- Applicants will be emailed to inform them when their application has been received.
- Timeframe for the Registrar to review completed applications, confirm and validate references and degree status can take up to approximately 4-6 weeks.
- Applications that are incomplete, delayed criminal records checks or references that take longer to confirm will delay the process.

### Decision from Registrar

- Once decision is made, applicant will receive a written decision from registrar.
- Successful applicants have 12 months from the date their application is approved to register with COPOM.
- If rejected, client can complete an appeal process.



## College of Podiatrists of Manitoba Office Contacts



### General Enquiries

E-mail: [registrar@copom.ca](mailto:registrar@copom.ca)

### College of Podiatrists of Manitoba Office

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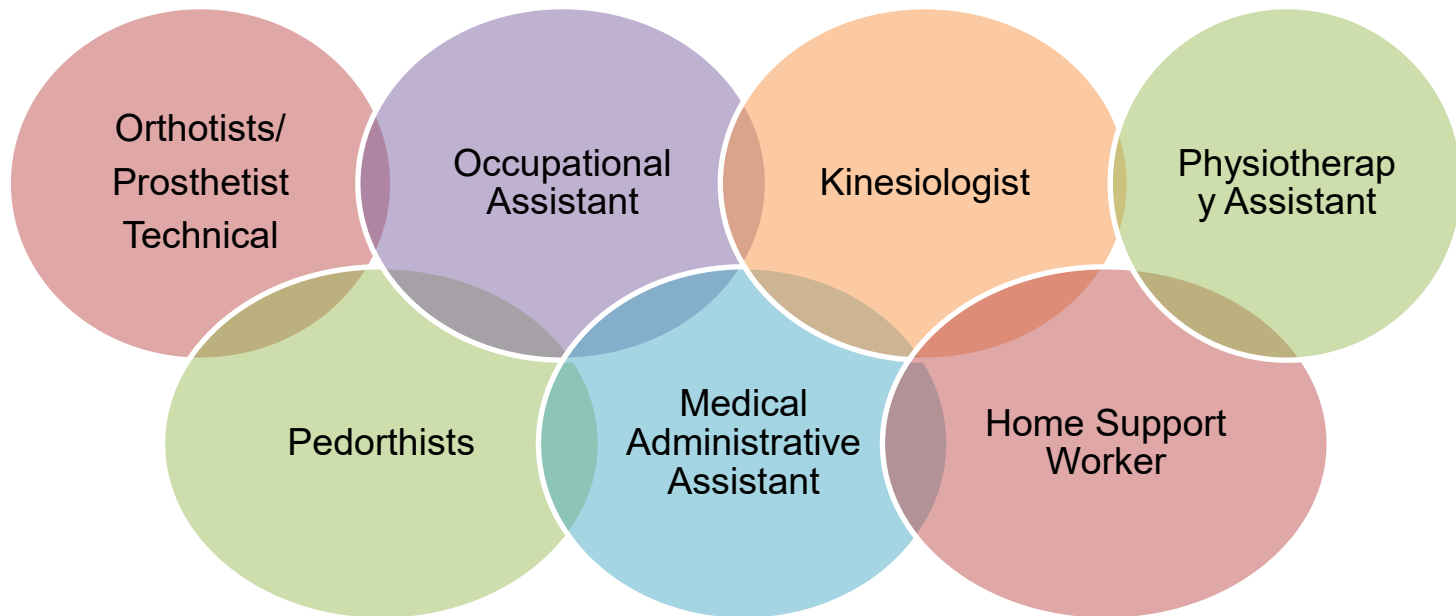
Online: <http://copom.ca>

## Alternative Careers for Podiatrists



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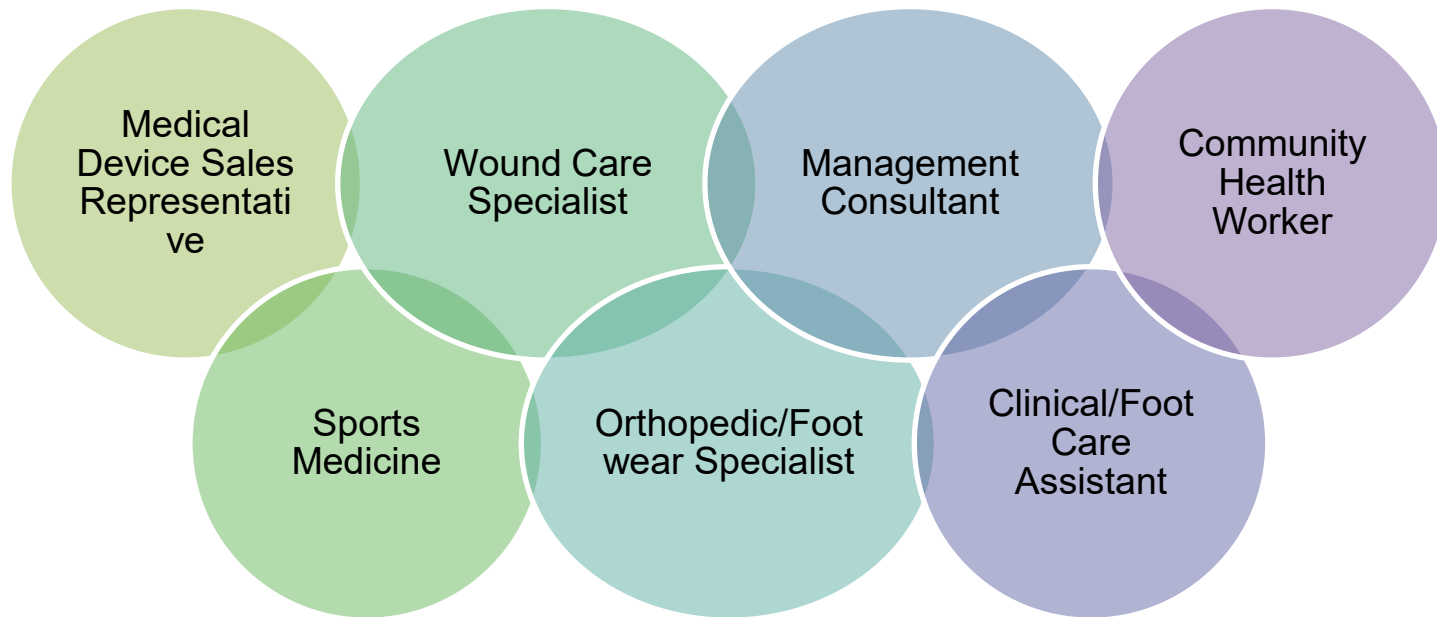
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## Alternative Training Options



Nursing Foot Care Course – [Assiniboine Community College](#)

Foot Canada Online Training – [Foot Canada](#)

Orthotics and Technical Training - [Winnipeg Prosthetics & Orthotics \(WinPO\)](#)

## Career Planning Can Help You

Enter the workforce

Plan for education

Deal with changing workplace demands

Anticipate trends or changes

Upgrade or maintain your skills

Develop skills for managing your career

## Reflecting on Barriers and Strengths



## Setting Short and Long-term Goals

**Set SMART Goals**  
What? When?  
How?

**How much time do  
you have  
to complete  
each step?**

**What resources  
might you need?  
Who can help?**

## Career and Education Plan

Name and Client ID: Nadia Petrenko (148417)

### Short Term Goal 1

Orthopedic/Footwear Assistant

### Short Term Goal 2

Medical Administrative Assistant

### Long Term Goal

Podiatrist

#### Achieving and Maintaining Long-Term Employment

- Maintaining long term employment and Career Management – An ongoing process:
  - a. Continuous learning – develop new skills or refine existing skills
  - b. Professional development – take courses, attend workshops, read, network, volunteer
  - c. Balancing work and life – reflect on values, priorities and life circumstance
- Other: Complete licensure process to become a Professional Podiatrist

#### Researching Post Secondary Training

- Research education and training options Date: Apr 16, 2026
- Identify post-secondary institution Date: Apr 18, 2026
- Verify admissions requirements Date: May 20, 2026
- Research funding options (Employment MB, SEED Recognition Counts, Student Aid, etc.) Date: Apr 18, 2026
- Other: Begin application process with COPOM Date: Jun 1, 2026

#### Qualification Recognition

- Research your regulated profession or trade Date: Feb 14, 2026
- Contact regulatory body Date: Feb 14, 2026
- Identify necessary requirements (language level, transcript, syllabus, etc.) Date: Feb 16, 2026
- Research Funding Options (Immigrant Access fund, Employment MB, SEED Recognition Counts, MB Student Aid, bursaries, financial institutions, etc.). Date: Feb 18, 2026
- Other: Schedule meeting with SEED Date: Mar 20, 2026

#### Skill Development

- Research job specific training (First Aid/CPR, fork lift, security guard license, etc.) Date: Mar 10, 2026
- Complete computer assessments sent by facilitator/coach; consider computer training Date: Mar 20, 2026
- Consider volunteering (visit [www.volunteermanitoba.ca](http://www.volunteermanitoba.ca)) Date: Mar 10, 2026
- Language assessment at WELARC Date: Mar 12, 2026
- Obtain Driver's license Date: Apr 10, 2026
- Other: Find related volunteer positions Date: Mar 20, 2026

#### Job Search Preparation

- Complete Career Development Workshop at Manitoba Start Date: Feb 16, 2026
  - Finalize marketing materials (resume, cover letter, references) Date: Feb 18, 2026
  - Apply for Security Clearance Checks (criminal record check, child abuse registry, adult abuse registry, immunizations record) Date: May 20, 2026
  - Other: Date: Mar 1, 2026
- Prepare a list of employers to apply after finalizing resume and cover letter with Career Coach.