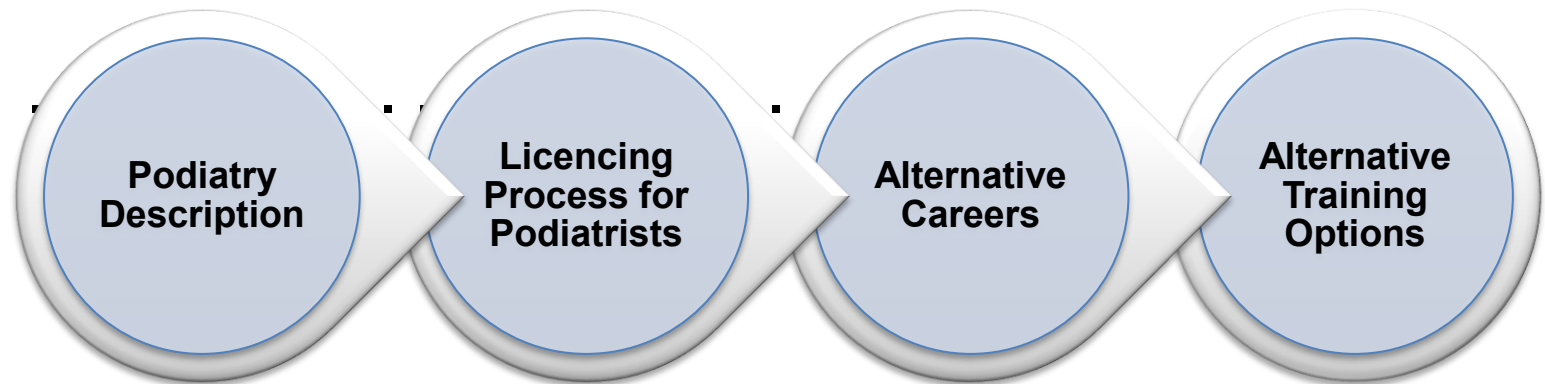


Podiatrist

Foreign Credential Recognition, Alternative Careers,
and Training Options



What Roles do Podiatrists in Canada Perform?



Podiatrists (Doctors of Podiatric Medicine)

[NOC website](#)



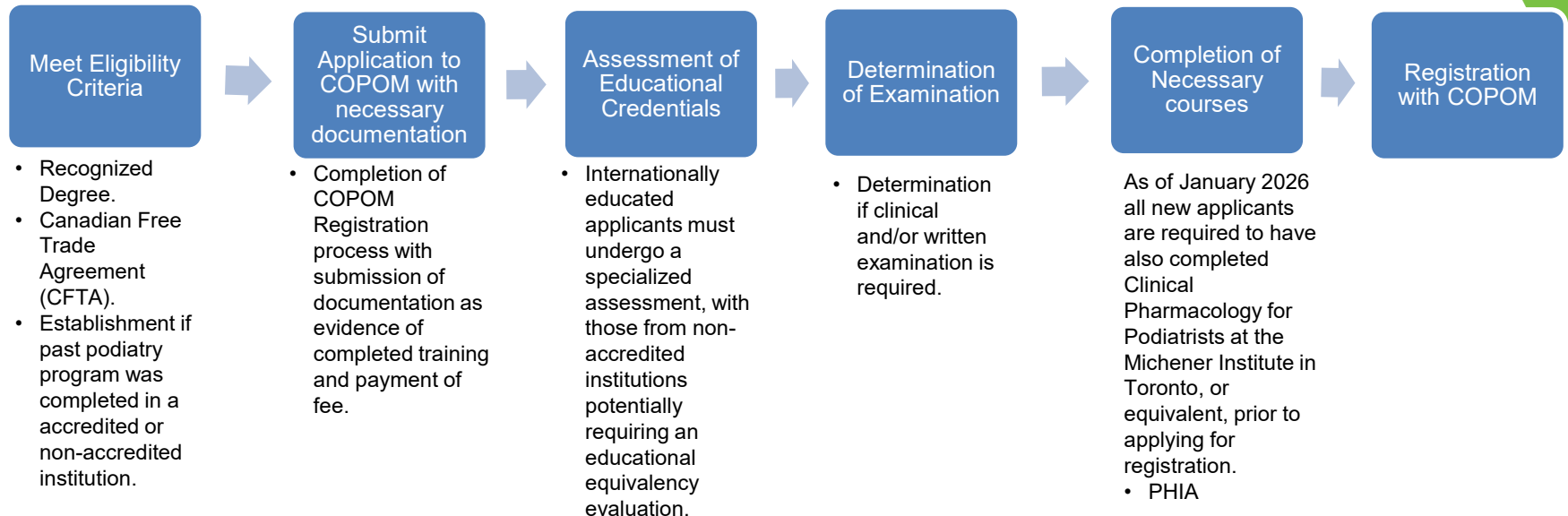
Job Duties

- 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 versus 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 application 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

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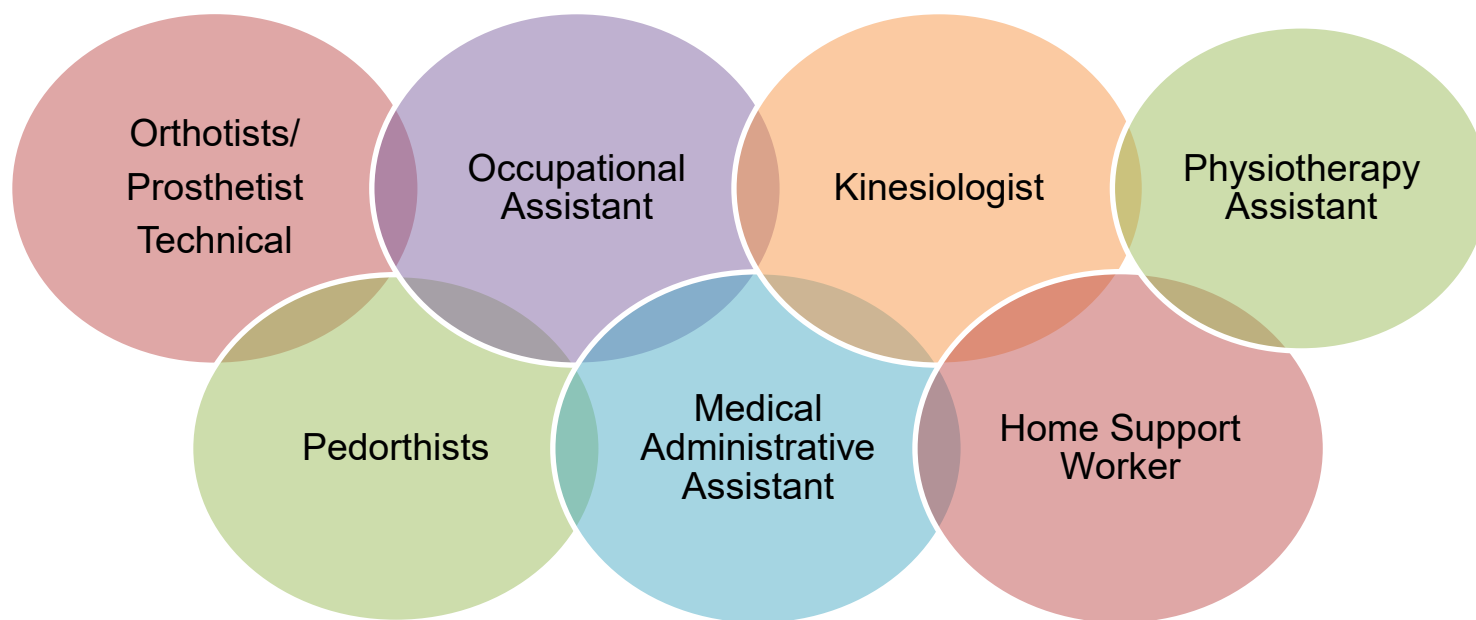
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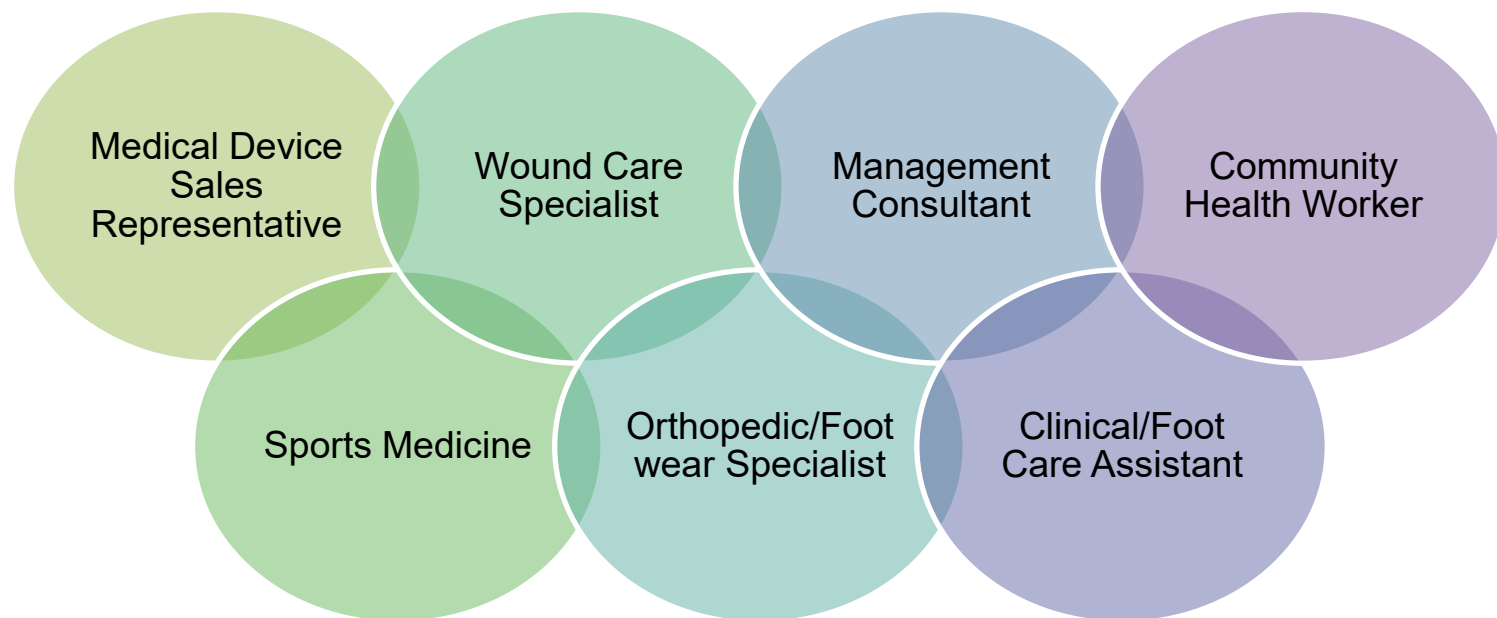
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Alternative Careers for Podiatrists





For more information visit [NOC website](#)



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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) 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: Prepare a list of employers to apply after finalizing resume and cover letter with Career Coach. Date: Mar 1, 2026

Thank you!

If you require additional information about Foreign Credential Recognition, please contact a Foreign Credential Recognition Navigator at fcr@manitobastart.com

If you are not currently a Manitoba Start client, register with us:

- Call front desk at 204-944-8833
- Visit in person
- Complete our online [registration form](#) to receive career development support.

Good luck with your career planning and work search!