

## PODIATRIC RADIOGRAPHER (PODIATRY ASSISTANT)

**Licensing Authority** Paulette Lappe  
Board of Podiatry Examiners  
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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa, Chapter 149; Iowa Administrative Code 645, Chapters 219-225

**Job Description** Take x-rays of the foot and ankle for diagnostic purposes to assist a doctor of podiatry.

**Education & Experience Required** Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, be a high school graduate or equivalent, and complete an approved program or course of study in theoretical consideration underlying radiation hygiene and podiatric radiological practices. An application for student status must be made to the Board of Podiatry Examiners prior to engaging in clinical training under a podiatrist.

Students must complete a radiographic clinical program sufficient to demonstrate proficiency to a podiatric sponsor with at least 50 total exposures with direct supervision from a podiatrist or certified person to take podiatric x-rays. The program or course of study shall include at least 20 working days of clinical training in a podiatric office or clinic.

A podiatry assistant who holds a permit to practice limited diagnostic radiography in extremities or foot by the Bureau of Environmental Health may apply for and be granted a certificate in podiatric radiography without meeting the training or examination requirements.

Out-of-state applicants who hold a current certificate in podiatric radiography issued by another state may be considered if they meet the Iowa requirements.

**Continuing Education** Two hours of continuing education are required biennially for license renewal.

**Examination** Applicants must pass a written examination administered by the Iowa Department of Public Health with a score of 70 percent or better. The exam is at the discretion of the Board of Podiatry Examiners.

**Fees** Application:\$25  
Duration: Two years

Renewal: \$10  
Exam: \$10  
Other: \$25 – Application for student status (this status lasts for a twelve month period)

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 31-9099 – All Other Healthcare Support Workers (\$12.14)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of licenses active as of December 31,  
2002: 72  
2001: 89

**For Additional Information** Iowa Department of Public Health Web site:  
<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure>