

## PODIATRIST

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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa, Chapter 149; Iowa Administrative Code 645, Chapters 219-222, 225

**Job Description** Podiatrists diagnose and treat diseases and deformities of the foot and ankle. They perform surgery, fit corrective devices, and prescribe drugs, physical therapy, and proper shoes. A variety of foot conditions are treated including: corns, bunions, bone spurs, calluses, ingrown toenails, skin and nail diseases, deformed toes, sprains and fractures.

**Education & Experience Required** Applicants must graduate from an accredited school of podiatry approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) of the American Podiatric Medical Association and pass Part III (PMLexis) of the National Board of Podiatry Medical Examiners exam.

A licensed, practicing podiatrist from another state can receive an Iowa license if he or she meets the Iowa requirements.

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

**Examination** Applicants must pass Part III of the PMLexis national board exam (taken at the school of podiatry).

**Fees** Application: \$100  
Duration: Two years (expires June 30<sup>th</sup> of every even-numbered year)  
Renewal: \$140  
Exam: \$350 (paid to exam service)

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 29-1081 – Podiatrists (\$52.86)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of licenses active as of December 31, 2001: 282

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