



CALL TO ACTION:

Provide a Shadowing Opportunity for Pre-Med Students

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Did you know that 90% of students who shadow a DPM eventually go into the profession?

We all have the capacity to inspire the next generation of podiatric physicians by opening our practices to student shadowing. Undergraduate students are currently actively pursuing shadowing opportunities to strengthen their applications to medical schools. Having a student visit your office will profoundly impact their future.

Many students are seeking mentors using online platforms, such as Indeed.com. The following is an example of an ad you can use:

Job Title: Clinical Intern in Podiatric Medicine and Surgery

Job Description: Clinical internship with busy surgical podiatry office. Interns are exposed to all aspects of lower extremity care, including surgery, dermatology, orthopedics, plastics, wound care and biomechanics. Gain medical experience and knowledge in the field of podiatric medicine and surgery. This is a non-paid internship geared toward candidates looking for shadowing experience/hours for podiatric medical school.

Responsibilities:

- Gain knowledge in podiatric medicine and surgery

- Timeliness and attentiveness a must

Qualifications: High school/college students with an interest in podiatric medicine and surgery

To Apply: Submit résumé and cover letter to *[Enter name/address here]*

Location: *[Enter location here]*

Now that fall is here, it is an opportune time to place an ad like the one above and provide a student — or students — with the opportunity to find out how a podiatry office operates and what takes place on a typical day. Please get involved in this very worthwhile activity to sing the praises of podiatry.