



QUÉBEC

Podiatrists in Québec are statutorily regulated by the L'ORDRE DES PODIATRES DU QUÉBEC under the Podiatrist Act. Under the Act, the scope of practice for the profession is defined as:

“Every act which has as its object the treatment of local disorders of the foot which are not systemic diseases constitutes the practice of podiatry.”

More specifically:

A podiatrist may determine the podiatric treatment indicated, by clinical and radiological examination of the feet.

However, a podiatrist shall not make radiological examinations unless he holds a radiology permit issued in accordance with section 187 of the Professional Code.

Every podiatrist is authorized to use the medications which he may need in the practice of his profession, and to administer and prescribe medications to his patients, provided that they are medications contemplated by the regulations made under section 12.

Québec offers the only DPM educational program in Canada at the Trois Rivières campus of the University of Québec and the only French language podiatry program in the French-speaking world.. The program, which was initiated by the Québec government and UQTR in 2004 in partnership with the New York School of Podiatric Medicine, is characterized as an “undergraduate doctoral program”, requires completion of a minimum of three years of approved undergraduate education, consists of 10 academic sessions and is modelled on the accreditation standards of the US Council of Podiatric Medical Education, with some modifications to reflect the Québec regulatory framework and scope of practice. Graduates of the four-year DPM program are eligible for licensure by L'Order. Some DPM graduates complete a three-year year Podiatric Medical Surgical Residency via the New York School of Podiatric Medicine that enables them to perform more advanced surgical procedures, principally in hospitals, although the vast majority of Québec podiatrists are in private practice, but many who have completed their PMSR end up practising in the United States.