

## ASPMA Membership: Establishing an Identity as a Podiatric Medical Assistant

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Podiatric medical assisting is a small and rapidly-changing professional career. As a result, our role is not understood as well as it should be by other professionals, our peers, educators, and the general public. Obtaining membership in the **American Society of Podiatric Medical Assistants (ASPMA)** will establish an identity as a podiatric medical assistant, a professional whose support and participation will help the profession develop and gain recognition.

Podiatric assisting is mostly on the job training--learning all aspects of podiatry. Podiatry is one of the only fields where the medical assistant does a good amount of the patient care. This allows the Assistant the knowledge and skill along with a study guide to take the exam and become a PMAC (Podiatric Medical Assistant Certified). This, of course, is dependent on the practice and physician.

The exams are offered online and in person at several conferences. You do need to become a member in order

to take the exam, but it's well worth it. We have 1389 active members, more being added weekly.

ASPMA also gives back to the profession, and one of the ways in which we contribute to podiatry is via the

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