

2011 FALL PMA CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this program, Podiatric Medical Assistants will:

- **Become familiar with common podiatric pathology**
- **Be able to identify the bones of the foot on X-ray examinations**
- **Know how to correctly position the foot and ankle for various X-ray examinations**
- **Be familiar with the physics and fundamentals of radiology, along with the principals of radiation safety and protection**
- **Have a thorough knowledge of how to prepare for a general DHEC inspection**
- **Understand the various aspects of an Administrative Inspection, including documentation and monitoring of personnel certification**
- **Understand the operating procedures (e.g., holding and shielding) for various types of patients**
- **Be familiar with and understand the various aspects of equipment testing and facility-specific training procedures**
- **Learn the basics of x-ray equipment operations and functions; ionization process**
- **Have a through knowledge of radiation protection for patient and technician**
- **Understand technique and proper darkroom procedures**
- **Learn the basic anatomical positioning of the lower extremities**
- **Experience “Hands on” review of anatomy and positioning of the foot and ankle. Participants will have the opportunity to practice and share knowledge of routine projections and special views. Review skeletons and some equipment, the basics, and the “what if’s” using visual presentations.**
- **Learn how to identify health and safety hazards at their practice**
- **Understand an exposure plan for bloodborne pathogens to determine compliance with OSHA standards**
- **Learn how to identify other resources needed for site specific training of bloodborne pathogens as well as resources essential to a sound safety and health plan**
- **Learn how to establish a protocol for handling patient emergencies in the practice setting**
- **Learn how wound care products work and the benefit of Vacuum Assisted Closure® (V.A.C.) Therapy**
- **Understand basic biomechanics and instrumentation**
- **Understand what/how examination techniques, x-rays and labs are used to diagnose common foot ailments.**
- **Understand protocol for pre-op surgical procedures**
- **Learn how to do a physical assessment/evaluation of the pre-operative patient and relate findings to the DPM**
- **Learn how to recognize potential risks and complications in the pre-operative patient**
- **Obtain the full training needed to fulfill the annual training requirements of HIPAA. PMAs will be administered a comprehensive examination at the end of the class and, if passed, will be provided a Certificate of Completion.**
- **Understand both the pertinent Privacy and Security Rules**