

I'm Maksud Oliva, a member of the class of 2026 at New York College of Podiatric Medicine. Having just completed my second year, I'm thrilled at the prospect of soon beginning work in the clinic. I grew up in Brooklyn, NY, and attended Baruch College where I majored in psychology for my undergraduate degree.

My passion for medicine has led me through various roles within the field. I've served as a medical assistant, optometric assistant, and contributed to vision research endeavors.

Additionally, I've gained firsthand experience in a podiatry



office and have had the opportunity to shadow in operating rooms. Witnessing the surgical procedures performed by podiatrists and the positive impact they have on their patients deeply inspired my desire to become more involved in this field.

During my time at NYCPM, I have served as a Teacher's Assistant in biochemistry and neuroscience. I am interested in wound care and surgery, and I hope to use my medical education to help make a positive impact in the lives of my patients.