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There are so many terms used by professionals in the foot business. Here is a quick guide to their job titles and responsibilities.

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
DPM	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine or Podiatrist	Branch of medicine devoted to the study, diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the foot, ankle and related structures of the leg.
DCH	Doctor of Chiropody or Chiropodist	An older term used in England and some other locations. The name has largely been replaced by Podiatrist. Depending on jurisdiction they may or may not do surgery, otherwise they diagnose and treat all conditions as above.
AFCN/CFCN	Advanced/Certified Foot Care Nurse	Nurses who have advanced education in foot care, including wound care. Usually work in institutions such as nursing homes and hospitals, or work independently in clinics or by offering home visits for the elderly and shut-ins.
CPed	Certified Pedorthist	Specialists in the use of footwear and supportive devices such as Orthotics to address conditions which affect the feet and lower limbs. Pedorthists work with a variety of people, from athletes to diabetics, promoting foot health, maximum mobility, and comfort. Education and certification varies widely depending on jurisdiction.
CPod	Certified Podologist (International certification).	Pedicurists who have advanced education after a basic pedicure/nail

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		tech/cosmetology course. Their foot care service is more than a pedicure but less than a medical practitioner. Offering a wide scope of advanced skills in addition to safe foot care to an at-risk client population, they work either independently or in salons / spas.
CMP	Certified Master Pedicurist (North American certification)	Pedicurist with advanced knowledge and skills offering safe pedicures to an at-risk client population. They work in up-scale salons and spas.
MNT	Medical Nail Technician (US certification)	A licensed nail technician or cosmetologist with advanced education preparing them to work as assistants to podiatrists or to offer safe cosmetic pedicures to an at-risk client population in a podiatrist's office or Medispa.
ANT	Advanced Nail Technician (US certification)	online course focusing on safety through proper sanitation. They offer pedicures to an at-risk client population.
Basic Pedicure Education is part of Cosmetology or Nail Technician courses in the US and Aesthetician or Nail Technician courses in Canada.		
The licensing requirements vary for each US State and Canada please visit your local government website for details.		

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