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Take Advantage of Elsevier Researcher Academy

Elsevier, publisher of *The Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery*, hosts a *Researcher Academy* that provides free access to e-learning resources to guide you at every stage of the research process. Choose from any of the following training modules:

Research Preparation

- Funding
- Research Data Management

Writing for Research

- Fundamentals of Manuscript Preparation
- Writing Skills
- Technical Writing Skills
- Book Writing

Publication Process

- Fundamentals of Publishing
- Finding the Right Journal
- Ethics
- Open Science
- Publishing in the Chemical Sciences

Navigating Peer Review

- Fundamentals of Peer Review
- Becoming a Peer Reviewer
- Going Through Peer Review

Communicating Your Research

- Social Impact
- Ensuring Visibility

The *Researcher Academy* also features a *Career Path* section with video presentations outlining the steps involved in becoming an effective researcher in both academia and industry. Get advice from seasoned colleagues on strategic career planning, how to select a field of study, work/life balance and more.



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Getting a Grip on Student Loan Debt

Do you feel overwhelmed by your student loan payments? It can be time-consuming and tedious to keep track of all of them. Plus, paying interest on several different loans each month can get expensive.

This is where student loan refinancing comes into play. Refinancing modifies your existing student loans to save you money, get you out of debt faster and eliminate headaches in the process.

By refinancing your student loans, you can:

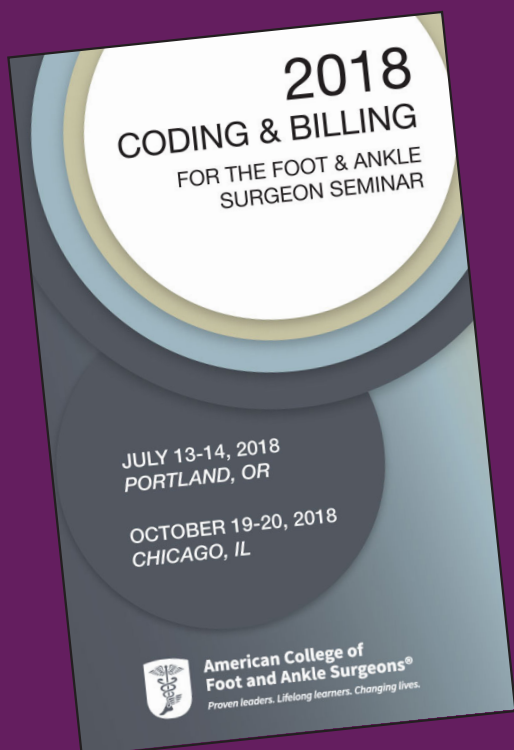
- Potentially lower your interest rate or monthly payment
- Take advantage of a flexible repayment plan
- Have a cosigner on the loan who can be released after a certain number of payments
- Combine multiple student loans for easier repayment

ACFAS Member Benefit Partner [HealthCare Associates Credit Union \(HACU\)](#) provides refinancing services at no cost to ACFAS members. HACU offers loan options for personal, auto, home and more. This includes student loans and student loan consolidation. Simplify your student loan finances with competitive and flexible rates and terms, interest-only repayment options and the ability to manage your loan online.

It only takes 15 minutes to apply – visit [hacu.org](#) then click on Product & Services → Loans → Student Loan Refinancing to learn more.



Expand Your Residency Education in Coding & Billing



Residents, find the education you are not normally exposed to in residency but will need as your career progresses. Register now for [Coding and Billing for the Foot and Ankle Surgeon](#), October 19–20 in Chicago, and see how just a few simple changes to the coding and billing process can make all the difference in maximizing reimbursement for the care you provide.

Code real-life patient cases and scenarios alongside expert faculty and learn how to:

- Structure your work week
- Code for amputation, forefoot, rearfoot and ankle reconstructive surgery
- Code for evaluation and management
- Use modifiers to avoid denials
- Code for diabetic foot cases, minor office procedures and complex arthroscopy cases
- Navigate new government reimbursement systems and methods

This course is worth 12 continuing education contact hours (Category 1 credit). Visit [acfas.org/practicemanagement](#) to register today.

**Please note that residents may not claim CME credit for this course.*