

PRE-CHIROPRACTIC

Wright State University

What does a Chiropractor do?

Chiropractic is a branch of the healing arts that is based on the premise that good health depends, in part, upon a normally functioning nervous system. The science of chiropractic holds as a basic tenet that a causative factor in many disease processes is improper nerve supply to the body organs or tissues. The primary procedure in chiropractic health care is, by using natural methods, to examine and evaluate the spine and pelvis to determine if any one area of the spine is malfunctioning or if many areas of the spine are causing abnormal body movements.

There are different areas that Chiropractors can work in. Along with general chiropractic practice, some chiropractors specialize in sports injuries, neurology, orthopedics, pediatrics, nutrition, internal disorders, or diagnostic imaging.



How to become a Chiropractor:

To become a Chiropractor one must receive their Doctorate of Chiropractic (D.C.) and a state licensure. Before students can obtain their D.C., they must have at least 90 undergraduate hours in areas such as liberal arts, physics, chemistry, and biology; which is why many students receive a Bachelor's degree before going to chiropractic school.

Four years of graduate work at a nationally accredited college are required to earn a D.C. Subjects studied are similar to those of medical schools. Applicants to a Chiropractic College must meet the same admission requirements as most Medical Schools. However, the GPA required is considerably lower, averaging 3.0 for most colleges.

CORE PRE-REQUISITES

Applicants must have 90 undergraduate hours before applying to a Chiropractic college and at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

48 semester hours should be in:

- English Language Skills (6)
- Psychology (3)
- Social Sciences/Humanities (15)
- Biological Sciences (6)
- Chemistry, Organic & Inorganic (12)
- Physics (6)

As well as 30 semester hours of upper division credits

Recommended Personal Qualities for those interested in Chiropractic medicine include: above average mental ability, the ability to manage time and work independently, strong desire to serve the sick, ability to maintain high ethical and professional standards, tact, adaptability, ability to inspire confidence and respect, high moral character, integrity, patience, and manual skill and dexterity.

Career Opportunities include:

- General Practice
- Chiropractic Radiologist
- Nutritional Specialist
- Sports Chiropractor
- Personal/Occupational Injury Specialist
- Chiropractic Pediatrician
- Teacher
- Research

Chiropractic College Curriculum

To receive your D.C. one must complete a minimum of 8 semesters or no less than 4,200 credit hours at an accredited School of Chiropractic's.

Licensure

All practicing Chiropractors must have their state licensure. The test is issued by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE). A growing number of states are requiring a Bachelor's degree before being able to take the licensure examination.

The examination consists of five tests:

Part 1- Basic Science Subjects

Part 2- Clinical Science Subjects

Physiotherapy- Elective Examination assessing physical therapy modalities

Part 3- Written Clinical Composition

Part 4- Practical Examination

General Statistics

- In 2004, **11%** of Americans were **seeking chiropractic care**
- Between 2011-2020 the field of Chiropractic Medicine is **expected to grow by 28%**
- Median salary in 2010 was **between \$67,200 and \$87,538** (depending on client base)
- The large aging population is expected to **boost the need** for chiropractic care
- Ohio is the **second best paying state** in the United States for Chiropractors

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CHIROPRACTIC SCHOOLS

Cleveland Chiropractic College

Kansas City, KS
Los Angeles, CA

D'Youville College

Buffalo, NY

Life University

Marietta, GA

Life Chiropractic College West

Hayward, CA

Logan College of Chiropractic

Chesterfield, MO

Southern California University of Health Sciences

Whittier, CA

National University of Health Sciences

Lombard, IL
Pinellas Park, FL

New York Chiropractic College

Seneca Falls, NY

Northwestern Health Sciences University

Bloomington, MN

Palmer College of Chiropractic

Davenport, IA
San Jose, CA
Port Orange, FL

Parker University

Dallas, TX

Sherman College of Chiropractic

Spartanburg, SC

Texas Chiropractic College

Pasadena, TX

University of Bridgeport

Bridgeport, CT

University of Western States

Data & Statistics found at:
cce-usa.org
www.bls.gov