



Pre-Chiropractic Pre-Professional Program

A Doctor of Chiropractic is a physician whose purpose is to help meet the health needs of the public. He/she gives particular attention to the relationship of the structural and neurological aspects of the body and is educated in the basic and clinical science as well as in related health subjects. Chiropractic science concerns itself with the relationship between structure (primarily the spine), and function (primarily coordinated by the nervous system), of the human body as that relationship may affect the restoration and preservation of health.

The purpose of his/her professional education is to prepare the doctor of chiropractic as a primary health care provider and to provide the students with a base of knowledge sufficient for the performance of his or her professional obligations as a doctor of chiropractic. The Doctor of Chiropractic must be well educated to diagnose for chiropractic care, to provide chiropractic care, and to consult with, or refer to, other health care providers as indicated.

Chiropractic Educational Program

The course of study leading to the Doctor of Chiropractic degree at one of the accredited chiropractic institutions lasts three to five academic years, including practice in a teaching clinic.

The purpose of the curriculum at a chiropractic institution is to provide students with a thorough understanding of the structure and function of the human organism in health and disease. The total curriculum must comprise a minimum of 4200 50-minute hours (the average curriculum is over 4600 hours). Institutions are expected to maintain academic integrity by structuring the curriculum so that the average student lead requirements are reasonable. The curriculum must also be designed and implemented in a manner that will provide appropriate opportunities for the student to become proficient in the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills necessary for the competent practice of chiropractic.

The offerings will address the following subjects: anatomy; biochemistry; physiology; microbiology; pathology; public health; physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis; gynecology; obstetrics; pediatrics; geriatrics; dermatology; otolaryngology; psychology; nutrition/dietetics; biomechanics; orthopedics; physiological therapeutics; first aid and emergency procedures; spinal analysis; principles and practice of chiropractic; adjustive techniques and other treatment procedures; research methods and procedures; professional practice ethics and other appropriate subjects.

Pre-Chiropractic College Work at UW-L

Chiropractic colleges require a minimum of **90 semester hours** of pre-professional undergraduate college credits (i.e., the credits you will obtain at UW-L) although some chiropractic colleges may require an undergraduate degree. **Your pre-professional credits in the basic sciences must be earned with a grade of 'C' or above** (some schools require a 2.50 cumulative GPA in the sciences). Survey courses in the sciences are not acceptable. Most chiropractic colleges require an overall grade point average of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale. The average GPA of students entering chiropractic colleges over the last several years has been around 3.00 on a 4.00 point scale. If your cumulative GPA falls between 2.49 and 2.25 and other factors are strong, you may still be considered for admission to some of the chiropractic colleges.

You should be aware that although only 90 semester hours are required before you can apply to most chiropractic schools, the trend is for applicants to have considerably more undergraduate training than just the bare minimum. The average student entering chiropractic college has approximately 100 semester hours of pre-professional undergraduate level credits equivalent to 3.5 years of college. An increasing number of students entering chiropractic school hold a Bachelor's degree. In fact, most chiropractic college admissions representatives now state that they "strongly recommend" that chiropractic aspirants first receive their Bachelor's degree before seeking admission to chiropractic school. Some chiropractic colleges offer the Bachelor's degree upon completion of the first two years of the chiropractic curriculum. **Due to the various licensure requirements in each of the 50 states, it is strongly recommended that applicants contact the respective state boards of examiners directly regarding pre-chiropractic education requirements in states where they may consider practicing after graduation.**

It is essential that you contact the chiropractic colleges to which you plan to apply as early as possible in your college career in order to check on their specific requirements. The addresses to all the accredited colleges of chiropractic medicine are given in the information handout.

PRE-CHIROPRACTIC CURRICULUM AT UW-L (minimum requirements)

Department	Course No.	Course Name	Credit Hours
Biology	105	General Biology	4
	312 & 313	Anatomy & Physiology I & II	8
Chemistry	103	General Chemistry I	5
	104	General Chemistry I	5
	303	Organic Chemistry I	3
	304	Organic Chemistry II	3
	305	Organic Chemistry Lab	2
Physics	103	Fundamental Physics I and	4
	104	Fundamental Physics II (MTH 145 can be substituted for PHY 104)	4

English At least **six** credits of any college level course of English and/or communicative skills, including theatre, drama, speech, composition, and journalism

Psychology At least **three** semester hours of college level course(s) listed under the psychology department.

Social Sciences and/or Humanities At least **fifteen** semester hours of course offerings in the following fields. This list does *not* include math, science, business, or computer courses.

Anthropology	Classics	Communications	Criminal Justice
Economics	Education	English	Fine Arts
Foreign Languages	Geography	Government	History
Philosophy	Political Science	Psychology	Religion

Other Suggested Course Areas

Marketing	Personal Finance	Business	Accounting
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For further information, please see the Pre-Chiropractic Advisor at UW-L:

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CLEVELAND CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE - KC

6401 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64131
(816) 501-0100 FAX: (816) 361-0272
Website: www.clevelandchiropractic.edu

CLEVELAND CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE - LA

590 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90004
(323) 660-6166 FAX: (323) 660-5387
Website: www.clevelandchiropractic.edu

LIFE CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE - WEST

2005 Via Barrett, P.O. Box 367
San Lorenzo, CA 94580
(510) 276-9013 FAX: (510) 276-4893
Website: www.lifewest.edu
E-mail: info@lifewest.edu

LIFE UNIVERSITY

1269 Barclay Circle
Marietta, GA 30060
(770) 426-2600, (800) 543-3398 FAX: (770) 429-4819
Website: www.life.edu
E-mail: EXEC@life.edu

LOGAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

1851 Schoettler Road, P.O. Box 1065
Chesterfield, MO 63006-1065
(314) 227-2100 FAX: (314) 207-2420
Website: www.logan.edu
E-mail: loganadm@logan.edu

LOS ANGELES COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

16200 East Amber Valley Drive
P.O. Box 1166
Whittier, CA 90609-1166
(562) 947-8755 FAX: (562) 947-7863
Website: www.deltanet.com/lacc
E-mail: mailto:lacc@deltanet.com

THE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

200 East Roosevelt Road
Lombard, IL 60148-4583
(630) 629-2000 FAX: (630) 889-6554
Website: www.national.chiropractic.edu

NEW YORK CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE

2360 State Route 89, P.O. Box 800
Seneca Falls, NY 13148-0800
(315) 568-3000 FAX: (315) 568-3015
Website: www.nycc.edu
E-mail: enrolnow@nycc.edu

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

2501 West 84th Street
Bloomington, MN 55431
(612) 888-4777 FAX: (612) 888-6713
Website: www.nwchiro.edu
E-mail: admit@nwchiro.edu

PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

1000 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52803
(319) 884-5000 FAX: (319) 884-5409
Website: www.palmer.edu
E-mail: pcadmit@palmer.edu

PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC - WEST

90 E. Tasman Drive
San Jose, CA 95134
(408) 944-6000 FAX: (408) 944-6111
Website: www.palmer.edu
E-mail: martin_p@palmer.edu

PARKER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

2500 Walnut Hill Lane
Dallas, TX 75229
(972) 438-6932 FAX: (214) 902-2413
Website: www.parkercc.edu

SHERMAN COLLEGE OF STRAIGHT CHIROPRACTIC

2020 Springfield Road, P.O. Box 1452
Spartanburg, SC 29304
(864) 578-8770, (800) 849-8771 FAX: (864) 599-4860
Website: www.shermancsc.edu
E-mail: admissions@shermancsc.edu

TEXAS CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE

5912 Spencer Highway
Pasadena, TX 77505
(281) 487-1170 FAX: (281) 991-4871
Website: www.txchiro.edu

UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT, COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

75 Linden Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06601
(203) 576-4279, (888) 822-4476 FAX: (203) 576-4351
Website: www.bridgeport.edu
E-mail: L.hildreth@snet.net

WESTERN STATES CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE

2900 N.E. 132nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97230
(503) 256-3180 FAX: (503) 251-5723
Website: www.wschiro.edu