



Pre-Professional Track

A pre-professional program is a statement of intent on the student's part, not an academic major.

THE CHIROPRACTIC PROFESSION

Chiropractic is one of the three major fields of health care. The three primary health care delivery systems include allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, and chiropractic. Chiropractic is defined as the diagnosis and treatment of disease without the use of drugs, medicine, or surgery. The characteristic principle of chiropractic is that belief that disturbances of the nervous system produced by derangements of the spine and pelvis are often a primary or contributing factor in many ailments. Accordingly, chiropractic utilizes manipulation of the spine and extremities, as well as lifestyle and nutrition counseling to promote wellness and to prevent and treat disease. Doctors of Chiropractic are primary care physicians who specialize in the treatment of neuro-musculo-skeletal disorders.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR CHIROPRACTIC SCHOOLS

The primary criteria used to make an admission decision includes overall GPA, science GPA, total number of credits completed, letters of recommendation, the quality of the written application (essay), and personal interview. The average GPA of students entering chiropractic colleges over the past several years has been about 3.00. Most schools request that you apply one year in advance of the term in which you wish to enroll.

Program Overview

Chiropractic colleges require a minimum of 90 semester hours of college credit before one can apply for admission, although some chiropractic colleges 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.

Listed below are the specific courses at UWL that will meet the minimum prerequisite requirements for admission to many of the accredited schools of chiropractic in the United States.

BIO 105	General Biology	4 credits
BIO 312	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4 credits
BIO 313	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4 credits
CHM 103	General Chemistry I	5 credits
CHM 104	General Chemistry II	5 credits
CHM 303	Organic Chemistry Theory I	3 credits
CHM 304	Organic Chemistry Theory II	3 credits
CHM 305	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	2 credits
PHY 103*	Fundamental Physics I	4 credits
PHY 104*	Fundamental Physics II	4 credits

*PHY 203-204 (calculus-based) may be substituted for PHY 103-104

Communication and/or Language Skills (6 credits or more)

Psychology (3 credits or more)

Social Sciences and Humanities (15 credits or more)

Note: this requirement can be met by completing the UWL general education requirements.

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