

Chiropractic

Chiropractic (from the Greek “cheir” + “praktikos” meaning “done by hand”) is based on the premise that the relationship between the vertebral column and the nervous system contributes to health.

According to the American Chiropractic Association, the chiropractic approach to healthcare is holistic, stressing the patient’s overall health and wellness. Chiropractors do not use drugs or surgery. Instead, they utilize natural therapies, including spinal manipulation. They also recommend lifestyle changes to their patients with regards to eating, exercise, and sleeping habits. When appropriate, chiropractors consult with and refer patients to other health practitioners. From a chiropractor’s perspective, health is a state of optimal well being, which encompasses much more than the absence of pain and disease.

Chiropractic Work



According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are about 53,000 practicing chiropractors. Most chiropractors are in solo practice, although some are in group practice or work for other chiropractors. Opportunities

for chiropractors are expected to increase due to an aging population, increased public acceptance, and the ability of patients to pay for services through public or private health insurance. Median annual earnings of salaried chiropractors were \$62,220 in 2006. Self-employed chiropractors usually earn more than salaried chiropractors.

Additional Information

Health Professions Advisors

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American Chiropractic Association

1701 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22209
(703) 276-8800
www.amerchiro.org

The Association of Chiropractic Colleges

www.chirocolleges.com/

CSU Premedica Club or Pre-Physical Therapy Club

www.casa.colostate.edu/advising/preprof/clubs/index.cfm

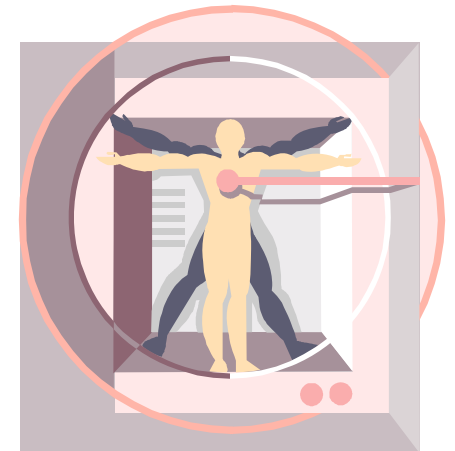
Human Health Pre-Professional Programs

www.casa.colostate.edu/advising/preprof/index.cfm



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Professional Programs

There are 16 accredited chiropractic programs in the United States. Training to become a Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) requires at least seven (7) years. Students must complete a minimum of three years (90 semester hours) of undergraduate coursework and then four years of chiropractic training. During the first two years, most chiropractic programs emphasize classroom and laboratory work in basic science subjects. The last two years stress courses in manipulation and spinal adjustment and provide clinical experience.

For more information about specific chiropractic schools contact:
www.chirocolleges.com

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Admissions Requirements

Admissions requirements are GENERAL and may differ from school to school. Please contact the individual schools to discuss specific admissions requirements.

- Minimum of 90 semester credits of college education (many applicants have a bachelor's degree)
- Competitive cumulative GPA
- Application submitted to each school
- Letters of recommendation
- Interview

Typical Academic Prerequisites

General Biology (2 semesters with labs)

General Chemistry (2 semesters with labs)

Organic Chemistry (1 or 2 semesters with labs)
Biochemistry

General Physics* (1 or 2 semesters with labs)

Social Sciences/ (5 semesters- 15 Credits)
Humanities

Communication/ (2 semesters)
Language Skills

Psychology (1 semester)

Highly recommended courses:

Recommended CSU Courses

LIFE 102 and LIFE 103

CHEM 111/112 and CHEM 113/114

CHEM 341 **OR** CHEM 343 and CHEM 344;
BC 351

PH121 and PH1 22 **OR**
PH 141 and PH 142

**Biomechanics, Kinesiology, Exercise Physiology, or Statistics may be substituted for second semester Physics. Contact the individual chiropractic school.*

Courses from prefixes ANTH, ECON, HDFS,
PSY, SOC, JTC, POLS, **AND** ART, D, E,
MU,PHIL,SPCM,TH, Languages

CO 150, CO 300/301, E140, SPCM 200

PYS 100

BMS 300, BMS 301, BIO 310, OT 215