Pre-Chiropractic 2016-2017

Chiropractors treat patients with health problems of the neuromusculoskeletal system, which includes nerves, bones, muscles, ligaments, and tendons. They use spinal adjustments and manipulation, and other techniques to manage patients’ health concerns, such as back and neck pain.

Practicing chiropractors have a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree. A D.C. program typically requires four years of study after completion of the undergraduate pre-requisite courses. The median salary for Chiropractors in 2014 was $66,720 and the U.S. Department of Labor estimates that the number of chiropractic jobs will grow faster than average through 2024.

Colleges of Chiropractic require incoming students to have completed at least 90 credits at an undergraduate institution, with 30 of these credits in the upper division (numbered 300 or higher), before beginning DC studies. Most chiropractic colleges are leaning toward requiring a completed bachelor’s degree, and some have already adopted that requirement.

**Curriculum Guide:**

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<th>Required Coursework*</th>
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| 2 courses in Biology | BIOL 120, BIOL 127L: General Biology  
BIOL 128: Zoology |
| 2 courses in General Chemistry | CHEM 103/103L; CHEM 104/104L |
| 2 courses in Organic Chemistry | CHEM 201/201L, CHEM 202/202L |
| 2 courses in Physics | PHYS 121, PHYS 122 *(recommended)*; OR  
PHYS 131, PHYS 132 |
| 2 courses in English | ENGL 101 (LC),  
Any DEPT 199 |
| 1 course in Psychology | PSYC 100C |
| 3 courses in Social Sciences/Humanities | Courses that do not overlap with those above, but that fulfill the liberal arts core for the degree |

*Minimum GPA in pre-requisite courses = 2.5. Individual schools may require a different set of courses; be sure to check the admissions requirements of your schools of interest.

**Required Pre-Professional Test**
None

**Clinical Experience**
Must demonstrate knowledge of field via shadowing, volunteer experiences, or employment.

Additional information: Association of Chiropractic Colleges ([www.chirocolleges.org](http://www.chirocolleges.org))

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