ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Most chiropractic programs require that applicants have at least 3 years of undergraduate education, and an increasing number require a bachelor’s degree. In either case, your undergraduate studies must include a prescribed number of prerequisite courses, as defined by the field’s accrediting body, the Council on Chiropractic Education.

Current entrance requirements for the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program are as following:
• Completed the equivalent of three academic years of undergraduate study (90 semester hours) at an institution(s) accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or an equivalent foreign agency with a GPA for these 90 hours of not less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
• The 90 hours will include a minimum of 24 semester hours in life and physical science courses. These science courses will provide an adequate background for success in the DCP, and at least half of these courses will have a substantive laboratory component.
• The student’s undergraduate preparation also includes a well-rounded general education program in the humanities and social sciences, and other coursework deemed relevant by the DCP for students to successfully complete the DCP curriculum.

STANDARD CURRICULA

Accredited chiropractic programs last 4 years and lead to a Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree. The standard curriculum covers:

- anatomy
- biochemistry
- physiology
- microbiology
- pathology
- public health
- physical, clinical and laboratory diagnosis
- gynecology & obstetrics
- pediatrics
- geriatrics
- dermatology
- otolaryngology
- diagnostic imaging procedures
- psychology
- nutrition/dietetics
- biomechanics
- orthopedics
- neurology
- first aid and emergency procedures
- spinal analysis
- principles and practice of chiropractic
- clinical decision making
- adjustive techniques
- research methods and procedures
- professional practice ethics

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66 Credits can be any undergrad level course. NYS requires 3 of the 4 courses: Biology (not A&P), Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Physics. 
Life Chiropractic College West
Counts towards 66 semester credits in general education.
Counts towards 24 semester credits in life/physical sciences. Half of credits must contain substantial lab component.

Life University College of Chiropractic
Counts towards 66 semester credits in general education. 3 semester hours required.
Counts towards 24 semester credits in life/physical sciences. May fulfill biology requirement.

Logan University College of Chiropractic
Counts towards 66 semester credits in general education.
Counts towards 24 semester credits in life/physical sciences. Half of credits must contain substantial lab component.

Northeast College of Health Sciences (formerly New York Chiropractic College)
Accepted towards 90 required undergraduate credits.
Accepted towards 24 required credits of life and/or physical sciences.

New Zealand College of Chiropractic
Minimum NZQA Level 5 and above accepted as elective.
Minimum NZQA Level 5 and above accepted for Microbiology.
Minimum NZQA Level 5 and above accepted for Anatomy and Physiology.
Minimum NZQA Level 5 and above accepted for General Chemistry.

Math counts towards 66 semester credits in general education. Statistics can come from any department and counts toward 24 semester credits in science.
Northwestern Health Sciences University

Accepted towards 90 required undergraduate credits

Accepted towards 24 required credits in life/physical sciences with lab

Accepted towards 90 required undergraduate credits

Requires 24 semester credits of sciences, 12 science credits must include lab. 66 credits can be any undergraduate, BS-... Chemistry 1 with lab, and Organic Chemistry 1 with lab required. Specified sciences can be waived for AATP admission

Palmer College of Chiropractic

Counts towards 66 semester credits in general education

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 Parker University College of Chiropractic

 3 hrs recommended

 Required towards 24 credit hours of Life and Physical Science (examples include Cell Biology, Microbiology, Human Biology, Zoology)

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 Southern California University of Health Sciences

 Accepted towards 66 semester credits in general education

 Accepted towards 24 semester credits in life/physical sciences. Half of credits must contain substantial lab

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 Accepted towards 66 semester credits in general education
University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic:

Counts towards 24 semester credits in life/physical sciences. Half of credits must contain substantial lab component. Remaining 66 credits can be in general education or additional science courses.

University of Western States College of Chiropractic:

Accepted towards 90 required undergraduate credits.