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

Life University College of Chiropractic
Counts towards 66 semester credits in general education. 3 semester hours required
Counts towards 66 semester credits in general education. May fulfill social science requirement
Counts towards 66 semester credits in general education.
Counts towards 24 semester credits in life/physical sciences. 6 semester hours of biology with lab required
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Counts towards 66 semester credits in general education. 3 semester hours of college algebra or higher math required

24 semester credits in Life/Physical Sciences. Half of science credits must contain lab component. Remaining 66 credits can be in general education or additional science courses

Logan University College of Chiropractic
Counts towards 66 semester credits in general education
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Math counts towards 66 semester credits in general education. Statistics can come from any department and counts toward 24 semester credits in science

New York Chiropractic College
Accepted towards 90 required undergraduate credits
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New Zealand College of Chiropractic
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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
Northwestern Health Sciences University
- Minimum NZQA Level 5 and above accepted for Biological, General or Organic Chemistry
- Minimum NZQA Level 5 and above accepted as elective
- Minimum NZQA Level 5 and above accepted for Biophysics
- Minimum NZQA Level 5 and above accepted as partial credit Bio Physics

120 credits NZQA Level 5 and above courses. Six courses in basic sciences: Anatomy and Physiology 30 credits, Chemistry 12 credits, Principles of Biochemistry 15 credits, Microbiology 15 credits, Biophysics 15 credits, Two courses in electives 30 credits

Northwestern Health Sciences University
- Accepted towards 90 required undergraduate credits
- Accepted towards 24 required credits in life/physical sciences with lab
- Accepted towards 24 required credits of life/physical sciences

Palmer 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

Parker University College of Chiropractic
- 6 hrs recommended
- 3 hrs recommended
- Parker requires 15 hours

Southern California University of Health Sciences
- Counts towards 66 semester credits in general education
- Counts towards 24 semester credits in life/physical sciences. Half of credits must contain substantial lab
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. 24 semester credits in Life/Physical Sciences; half of science credits must contain lab component; distribution of required credits includes biology, cellular biology, biochemistry, physics or related study. Remaining 66 credits can be in general education or additional science courses.