

# 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

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- 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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School	English	Psychology	Social Sciences or
Humanities Sciences with Lab Physiology	Biological  Anatomy & General/Inorganic Chemistry	Organic and/or Biochemistry	Elective
Cleveland Chiropractic College recommended	College recommended 12 hr recommended	3 hrs Accepted towards 24 req	Accepted towards 24 req Physical Ac
D'Youville College	Counts towards 66 semester	Counts towards 66 semester	Social sciences (anthro)

66 Credits can be any undergrad level course. NYS requires 3 of the 4 courses: Biology (not A&P), Chem

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Life Chiropractic College West Credits towards 66 semester hours 66 semester hours 66 semester hours 66 semester hours

Life University College of Chiropractic Credits towards 66 semester hours 66 semester hours 66 semester hours 66 semester hours  
3 semester hours of each required 24 semester hours 24 semester hours 24 semester hours 24 semester hours  
Physical Sciences 6 semester hours  
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Logan University College of Chiropractic Credits towards 66 semester hours 66 semester hours 66 semester hours 66 semester hours

Northeast College of Health Sciences (for the New York Chiropractic College) Credits towards 60 credits

New Zealand College of Chiropractic NZQA Level 5 and above NZQA Level 5 and above NZQA Level 5 and above

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Northwestern Health Sciences University Accepted towards 90 requirements Accepted towards 90 requirements Accepted towards 90 requirements

Palmer College of Chiropractic Counted towards 66 semester hours Counted towards 66 semester hours Counted towards 66 semester hours

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

Southern California University of Health Sciences Counted towards 66 semester hours Counted towards 66 semester hours

University of Bridgeport College of Arts and Sciences 66 credits towards 66 credits  
College of Business Administration 66 credits towards 66 credits

University of Western State College of Arts and Sciences 90 credits towards 90 credits  
College of Business Administration 90 credits towards 90 credits