

# CHIROPRACTOR

Chiropractic Medicine is a form of alternative medicine concerned with diagnosis and treatment of mechanical disorders of the neuromusculoskeletal system. This includes the nerves, bones, muscles, ligaments, and tendons. It is believed that such unproven disorders affect general health via the nervous system.

## CAREER DESCRIPTION\*

- » National average salary: \$70,720
- » National projected career growth: 11%
- » Many work in either group or solo chiropractic practices
- » Use of spinal adjustments and manipulation to relieve pain
- » Advise patients on health and lifestyle issues

## TYPICAL EDUCATION

- » Approximate years of schooling: 7 \*  
-Admission to chiropractic programs require at least 90 semester hours of undergraduate education, and some programs require a bachelor's degree for entry. \*
- » Approximate cost: \$114,375 \*\*
- » Average admittance GPA: 3.0 \*\*

## NEARBY SCHOOLS

- » Cleveland Chiropractic College – Overland Park, KS
- » Logan University – Chesterfield, MO
- » Palmer College of Chiropractic – Davenport, IA
- » National University of Health Services – Lombard, IL

## COMPETITIVE APPLICANTS ALWAYS...

- » Maintain a competitive academic record
- » Shadow professionals in the field
- » Obtain direct patient health care experience
- » Stay active in community volunteering
- » Research program requirements, as program requirements vary by institution.

## WHAT PRACTICING PROFESSIONALS SAY



Chiropractic embraces the science of life, the knowledge of how organisms act in health and disease, and also the art of adjusting the neuroskeleton."

- Daniel Davis Palmer  
Founder of Modern Chiropractic



People can see the premature wear and tear on their car's tires that occurs if the wheels are misaligned, yet the same holds true for the human body if the spine is misaligned."

- Dr. Robert Blaich



The Beauty of Chiropractic is that it works with Natural means. It puts nothing new into the body, nor does it take away any natural gland or organ. Chiropractic simply releases Life Forces within the body, sets free rivulets of energy over nerves, and lets Nature do her work in a normal manner."

-B.J. Palmer

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S = Spring, F = Fall, M = Summer

**Recommended Biological Sciences: 8-10 credits**

Course	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites
BIOL 1450 – Biology I	5	F, S, M	High school Biology and Chemistry
BIOL 1750 – Biology II	5	F, S, M	Biology 1450
AND/OR			
BIOL 2740 - Human Physiology & Anatomy I	4	F, M	High school Biology and Chemistry
BIOL 2840 – Human Physiology & Anatomy II	4	S, M	BIOL 2740
OR			
BMCH 2400 - Human Physiology & Anatomy I	4	F, S	
BMCH 2500 - Human Physiology & Anatomy II	4	S, M	BMCH 2400

**Recommended Chemistry: 8-14 credits**

CHEM 1180 & 1184 – General Chemistry I & Lab	4	F, S, M	Math 1320 or CHEM 1140 & 1144
CHEM 1190 & 1194 – General Chemistry II & Lab	4	F, S, M	CHEM 1180 & 1184
CHEM 2250 – Organic Chemistry I	3	F, S, M	CHEM 1190 & 1194
CHEM 2260 & 2274 – Organic Chemistry II & Lab	5	F, S	CHEM 2250
OR			
CHEM 1140 & 1144 - Fundamentals of College Chemistry & Lab	5	F, S, M	MATH 1220 or 1310
CHEM 2210 & 2214 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry & Lab	5	F, S	CHEM 1140 & 1144 or 1190 & 1194
CHEM 3650 & 3654 - Fundamentals of Biochemistry & Lab	4	F, S	CHEM 2210 & 2214 or 2260 & 2274

**Recommended Physics (minimum credits: 10)**

PHYS 1110 or 2110 & 1154 – General Physics I & Lab	5	F, S, M	MATH 1220 or 1310
PHYS 1120 or 2120 & 1164 – General Physics II & Lab	5	F, S, M	PHYS 1110 or PHYS 2110

**Recommended Mathematics (minimum credits: 3)**

MATH 1220 – College Algebra	3	S, F, M	MATH 1210
MATH 1320 – Precalculus Algebra	3	S, F, M	MATH 1220 or 1310
PSYC 3130 – Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3	S, F, M	MATH 1120, 1220, 1310 or 1530
SOC 2130 – Social Statistics	3	S, F, M	MATH 1120, 1130, 1220, 1310 or 1530
STAT 3000 – Statistical Methods I	3	S, F, M	MATH 1310 or 1220
Other statistics courses can fulfill the requirement as well but should be approved by an admissions advisor.			

**English Composition (minimum credits: 6)**

ENGL 1150 or 1154 – English Composition I	3	S, F, M	AP score of 3 or by EPPE exam
ENGL 1160 or 1164 – English Composition II	3	S, F, M	ENGL 1150 or 1154 or AP score of 4 or by EPPE exam

**Social Sciences & Humanities (minimum credits: 15)**

Some suggested areas to choose from: art, history, philosophy, sociology, psychology, English literature, foreign languages, religious studies, gerontology, economics and accounting.

*It is recommended that students take courses in chemistry, biology, mathematics, kinesiology and psychology, beyond the required minimum.*