

CHIROPRACTOR

Chiropractic Medicine is a form of alternative medicine concerned with the 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 median salary: \$76,530
- » National projected career growth: 10%
- » Most 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**

- » Years of School (including undergraduate): 7+
- » Average Entering GPA: 3.0
- » Admission to chiropractic programs require at least 90 semester hours of undergraduate education, and some programs require a bachelor's degree for entry

NEARBY SCHOOLS

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

COMPETITIVE STUDENTS ALWAYS...

- » Maintain a competitive academic record
- » Shadow professionals in the field
- » Obtain direct patient healthcare experience
- » Stay Active in community volunteering
- » Research program requirements, as they vary by institution

WHAT PRACTICING PROFESSIONAL SAY

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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

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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

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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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Click here for requirements from the schools listed below:

Cleveland Chiropractic College	Life Chiropractic West College
Logan University	National University of Health Sciences
Palmer College of Chiropractic	

*Prerequisites vary by program. Students are responsible for ensuring all entrance requirements are met.

*Most schools prefer science classes to be taken in-person versus online.

Life Chiropractic College West Prerequisites

S = Spring, F = Fall, M = Summer

Recommended Biological Sciences: 18 hours			
Course	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites
BIOL 1450 Biology I & Lab	5	F, S, M	High School Biology and Chemistry
BIOL 1750 Biology II & Lab	5	F, S, M	BIOL 1450
BIOL 3020 Molecular Biology of the Cell	3	F, S, M	BIOL 2140 and one general chemistry
BIOL 4140 Cellular Biology	4	F, S	BIOL 2140, 3020 and CHEM 2210 or 2250
BIOL 2440 The Biology of Microorganisms & Lab	4	F, S, M	High School Biology and Chemistry
AND			
BIOL 2740 Human Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	4	F, S, M	High School Biology and Chemistry
BIOL 2840 Human Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	4	F, S, M	BIOL 2740
OR			
BMCH 2400 Human Physiology & Anatomy I & Lab	4	F, S	
BMCH 2400 Human Physiology & Anatomy I & Lab	4	F, S	BMCH 2500

Recommended Chemistry: 8-10 hours			
CHEM 1180 & 1184 General Chemistry I & Lab	4	F, S, M	MATH 1300 or 1320 or CHEM 1140 & 1144
CHEM 1190 & 1194 General Chemistry II & Lab	4	F, S, M	MATH 1300 or 1320 & CHEM 1180 & 1184

Recommended Physic: 8-10 hours			
PHYS 1110 & 1154 General Physics I & Lab	5	F, S, M	MATH 1300 or 1320
PHYS 1120 & 1164 General Physics II & Lab	5	F, S, M	PHYS 1110 & 1154

Other Recommended Courses			
BMCH 4630 Biomechanics	3	F, S	BMCH 2400 or BIOL 2740 AND PHYS 1110 & 1154 OR MATH 1950
KINS 2430 Foundations in Kinesiology	3	F, S	
HEKI 3090 Applied Nutrition	3	F, S, M	
KINS 4940 Physiology of Exercise	3	F, S, M	BMCH 2400 or BIOL 2740

Recommended General Education			
MATH 1300 College Algebra with Support OR	4	F, S, M	
MATH 1320 Precalculus Algebra	3	F, S, M	ACT 22 or ALEKS 4 within 30 months
A statistics course	3	F, S, M	
ENGL 1150 English Composition I	3	F, S, M	AP Score 3, ACT 14-26, HS GPA 2.3+
ENGL 1160 English Composition II	3	F, S, M	AP Score 4, ENGL 1140 or 1150, or ACT 27+ or Reading or English ACT score of 29+
PSYC 1010 Introduction to Psychology	3	F, S, M	
PSYC 2500 Lifespan Psychology	3	F, S, M	PSYC 1010
CMST 1110 Public Speaking	3	F, S, M	
A philosophy or ethics course	3	F, S, M	

Elective to fulfill the required 90 semester hours			
It is recommended that students take additional courses in chemistry and biology, beyond the required minimum including genetics, and organic chemistry. Other recommended electives include Business, Communications, and Information Systems.			

*Students interested in learning more about Life Chiropractic West College can contact them at admissions@lifewest.edu.

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