

Preparation for a Profession as a Chiropractor

A bachelor's degree is required for admissions into most chiropractic schools. Many states, including Kansas, require a bachelor's degree along with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree to obtain a license to practice. Any academic major is acceptable, as long as the degree includes the prerequisite core courses in math and sciences. Chiropractic schools expect candidates to demonstrate the intellectual, analytical, and problem-solving skills necessary to succeed in chiropractic school. Students are strongly advised to balance coursework in the natural sciences with coursework in humanities and social sciences. The General Education component of a Liberal Arts degree provides a sound foundation for demonstrating an interest in and knowledge of a diverse and global society. Candidates should also consider coursework in areas such as anthropology, communication, economics, ethics, logic, psychology, sociology, and statistics.

Most schools base admissions decisions on a balanced combination of the following:

- Grade point average: This varies by school but is usually above a 3.0 minimum.
- Personal statement from the candidate
- Professional experience (employment, volunteer work, shadowing, etc.)
- Interview
- Letters of recommendation

Core Courses for Chiropractic Programs: a **minimum** requirement

- Engl 101 English Composition I (3) **and** 102 English Composition II (3)
- Comm 111 Public Speaking (3)
- Math 111 College Algebra (3) **and** 123 College Trigonometry (3) **or** Math 112 Pre-Calculus (5)
- Chemistry 211 General Chem. I (5) **and** 212 General Chem. II (5)
- Chemistry 531 Organic Chemistry I (5) **and** 532 Organic Chemistry II (5)
- Biology 210 General Biology I (4) **and** 211 General Biology II (4)
- Physics 213 General Physics I (5) **and** 214 General Physics II (5) **or**
Physics 313 University Physics I with lab (315) **and** 314 University Physics II with lab (316)

Other courses that are encouraged and helpful in providing additional preparation for chiropractic college curriculum include Biology 223 Human Anatomy and Physiology, Biology 220 Introduction to Microbiology or Biology 330 General Microbiology, and HP 203 or 303 Medical Terminology.

Admission Test: A specific admissions test is not required for entry to Doctor of Chiropractic programs.

Application: Application for admission should begin early in the fall semester prior to the fall one wishes to begin the professional program. Students apply directly to the schools they wish to attend.

Midwest Chiropractic Colleges:

- Cleveland Chiropractic College (Kansas) www.clevelandchiropractic.edu
- Palmer College of Chiropractic (Iowa) www.palmer.edu
- Logan College of Chiropractic (Missouri) www.logan.edu
- Parker College of Chiropractic (Texas) www.parkercc.edu

Important Websites:

- American Chiropractic Association www.amerchiro.org
- Council on Chiropractic Education www.cce-usa.org
- The Association of Chiropractic Colleges www.chirocolleges.org

Pre-Med Advising Resources

Pre-med Student Association: www.wudoc.org

Blackboard site for Pre-Med professions students:

Pre-Med information

Scholarship Information

Speakers

Shadowing opportunities

To join, send your email address and WSU ID to an advisor listed below.

LASI 150P Intro to Health Professions (1) A fall semester class that shows student a wide range of professions, salaries, and admission requirements.

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