

# CHIROPRACTOR (DC)



**Chiropractic care** (also simply “chiropractic”) is a health care discipline that emphasizes the inherent power of the body to heal itself without the use of drugs or surgery. It focuses on the relationship between the body’s structure (primarily the spine) and function (as coordinated by the nervous system) and how that relationship affects the preservation and restoration of health. When appropriate, doctors of chiropractic work in cooperation with the patient’s other health care practitioners.

Chiropractic doctors diagnose and treat patients whose health problems are associated with the body’s muscular, nervous and skeletal systems. Chiropractors believe that interference with these systems can impair normal functioning, cause pain and lower resistance to disease. They are most well known for the hands-on technique they practice to adjust imbalances in the patient’s skeletal system, particularly the spine.

**Admissions Test:** GRE

**Years of Higher Education:** 7-8 (4 undergrad, 3-4 advanced)

**Degree Earned:** Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.)



**Certification/Licensure:**

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE)

<https://www.nbce.org/>

**Median Salary:** 90,000

**For more information:**

[Association of Chiropractic Colleges](#)

[Explore Health Careers--Chiropractor](#)

## PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

<b>Most schools require:</b>	
General Biology	BIO 1011R/L Principles of Biology I (Lecture and Lab) BIO 1012R/L Principles of Biology II (Lecture and Lab)
General Chemistry	CHE 1045R/L General Chemistry I (Lecture and Lab) CHE 1046R/L General Chemistry II (Lecture and Lab)
Physics	PHY 1051R General Physics I (Lecture) PHY 1052RC General Physics II (Lecture) PHY 1061L General Physics 2 (Lab)  OR  PHY 1031R General Physics I (Lecture) (CALCULUS BASED) PHY 1032RC General Physics II (Lecture) (CALCULUS BASED) PHY 1032L General Physics II (Lab)
Psychology	PSY 1010 Introduction to Psych
English Composition	FYWR 1020 First Year Writing