CHIROPRACTIC SCHOOL ADMISSION INFORMATION

Chiropractic is a branch of the healing arts based upon the understanding that good health depends on a normally functioning nervous system. It addresses medical conditions not by the use of drugs and chemicals, but by locating and adjusting the musculoskeletal area of the body which is functioning improperly.

A high school diploma or GED may be required by the Chiropractic school. A minimum of two years of undergraduate education is required and some schools require a bachelor’s degree. The two chiropractic programs in Southern California require 90 units that are bachelor’s degree applicable and may all be completed at Santa Barbara City College. A bachelor’s degree is preferred, but not required. A chiropractic program consists of four academic years of professional education. Several areas of study are emphasized during the course of chiropractic education: adjustive techniques/spinal analysis; principles/practices of chiropractic; physiologic therapeutics; and biomechanics.

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*All courses should be taken for a letter grade, not Pass/No Pass.*

**Choosing an Undergraduate Major**

“Pre-chiropractor” is **not** a major at universities. You should give careful consideration to your choice of major and select an area of study that interests you. Most chiropractic schools do not require a specific degree in order to apply. However, students should select an appropriate major that could lead to an alternative career, if necessary. Students applying to a chiropractic school need to plan carefully and complete not only the chiropractic school admissions requirements, but also the requirements for their undergraduate major and the general education required by the undergraduate transfer institution.

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Chiropractic School Selection Criteria
- **Bachelor’s Degree** or 90 semester units of undergraduate coursework
- Completion of the **prerequisite coursework** listed on front.
- **GPA** is a major factor in the selection process. Both overall college grades and science grades are considered.
- **Letters of recommendation** from professors, academic advisors, employers, and/or health care professionals.
- **Interviews** with faculty members from the Chiropractic program in which they assess your basic knowledge of the Chiropractic profession, that you have compelling reasons for pursuing the Doctor of Chiropractic degree, and confirm that you show promise sufficient to justify admission to study at the graduate level.

Salary Information
In 2012, the average annual wage in California was $78,800 with most people making between $34,190 and $139,060 according to (www.cacareerzone.com).

Recommended Websites
- American Chiropractic Association: www.acatoday.com
- Association of Chiropractic Colleges: www.chirocolleges.org/
- California Chiropractic Association: www.calchiro.org
- Chiropractic Licensure and Education: www.chiroweb.com/find/licen.html
- National Board of Chiropractic Examiners: www.nbce.org

Select Chiropractic School Websites
- Cleveland Chiropractic College: www.clevelandchiropractic.edu
- Los Angeles College of Chiropractic: www.scuhs.edu

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