



# Careers in the Licensed Professions

## Chiropractor

**Chiropractors** treat symptoms and conditions as they relate to the spine, emphasizing the dependency of health on the correct functioning of the central nervous system. Chiropractors:

- use their hands, instruments, diagnostic imaging procedures, and lab tests to detect nerve interference
- adjust misaligned vertebrae (bones of the spinal column) and other bones to restore correct functioning
- may use electrical stimulation, acupuncture, massage, ultrasound, deep heat, hot and cold packs, traction, and support devices
- provide guidance on lifestyle habits, posture, exercise, diet, and stress

### Education

**Preprofessional:** at least 60 semester hours of college-level education, including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.

**Professional:** graduate from a Doctor of Chiropractic program accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education, or the equivalent as determined by the Education Department. Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.

### Examination

Successfully complete the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Parts I, II, III and IV.

### Video



### Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$67,520 in the U.S., \$79,000 in NY
- Salary range: \$65,880 - \$106,590
- Projected growth: faster than average

### Where Could I Work?

- Private practice
- Group practice
- Health and wellness centers
- Colleges and universities

### Your Interests and Abilities

- Sciences: chemistry, biology, physics
- Anatomy and physiology
- Health and nutrition

### Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Communication
- Attention to detail
- Manual and technical dexterity

### What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options!

Explore a free career tool at [mynextmove.org/explore/ip](http://mynextmove.org/explore/ip)

**Tip:** try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a chiropractor about what they do and how they got started!