



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: \$71,410 in the U.S., \$80,330 in NY
- Salary range: \$66,330 - \$94,730
- 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

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