



Chiropractor

Chiropractors are health care professionals who treat symptoms and conditions as they relate to the spine, emphasizing the dependency of health on the correct functioning of the central nervous system.

- 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, acupressure, massage, ultrasound, deep heat, hot and cold packs, traction, and support devices
- provide guidance on lifestyle habits, posture, exercise, diet, and stress

Pre-Professional Education

at least 90 semester hours of college-level education including 24 semester hours in life and physical sciences which includes but not limited to coursework in general biology, human anatomy, physiology, general chemistry, biochemistry, physics, biomechanics and kinesiology. Half should include a lab component.

Professional Education

graduate from a Doctor of Chiropractic program accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education, or graduate from an unaccredited chiropractic program and complete additional coursework, of at least one year, through an accredited chiropractic program.

Examination

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

Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$96,847 in NY
- Salary range: \$59,264 - \$122,582
- 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

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

