



PRE-CHIROPRACTIC PREPARATION

AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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CATALOG	

SP20

Chiropractic medicine is a branch of health care that focuses on treating patients without the use of drugs or surgery. This profession advocates a holistic philosophy, which emphasizes prevention and wellness over treating disease and injury. Chiropractic physicians are trained in diagnosis and treatment of diseases of all body systems with a concentration in the nervous and musculoskeletal systems. In addition to the classroom instruction there are additional internships and preceptorships that lead to the completion of the doctorate degree. Following completion of the necessary doctorate course work and internships, the student will be expected to take the National Board Exam. Individual states differ in their licensing requirements.

Most chiropractic programs require applicants to have at least 3 years of undergraduate education, and an increasing number require a bachelor's degree. In either case, a student's undergraduate studies must include a prescribed number of prerequisite courses, as defined by the field's accrediting body, the Council on Chiropractic Education.

Current entrance requirements for the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program are as following:

- Completed the equivalent of three academic years of undergraduate study (90 semester hours) at an institution(s) accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or an equivalent foreign agency with a GPA for these 90 hours of not less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- The 90 hours will include a minimum of 24 semester hours in life and physical science courses. These science courses will provide an adequate background for success in the DCP, and at least half of these courses will have a substantive laboratory component.
- The student's undergraduate preparation also includes a well-rounded general education program in the humanities and social sciences, and other coursework deemed relevant by the DCP for students to successfully complete the DCP curriculum.

EIU offers all the prerequisite courses for entrance to chiropractic school.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

LANGUAGE[^]: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
ENG 1001G [^] Composition & Language	3		
ENG 1002G [^] Composition & Literature	3		
CMN 1310G Speech Communication	3		

BIOLOGY & CHEMISTRY^{*}: 24 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
BIO 1500 [*] General Biology I	4		
BIO 3120 [*] Molecular & Cellular Biology	4		
BIO 2210 [*] Anatomy & Physiology I	4		
BIO 2220 [*] Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
CHM 1310G [#] General Chemistry I	3		
CHM 1315G [#] General Chemistry I Lab	1		
CHM 1410 [#] General Chemistry II	3		
CHM 1415 [#] General Chemistry II Lab	1		
CHM 2440 [#] Organic Chemistry I	3		
CHM 2445 [#] Organic Chemistry I Lab	1		

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE^{*}: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
PSY 1879G [^] Intro to Psychology	3		
	3		
	3		

PHYSICS^{*}: 8 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
PHY 1151G [#] Principles of Physics I	3		
PHY 1152G [#] Principles of Physics I Lab	1		

HUMANITIES: 6 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
Humanities	3		
Humanities / Fine Arts	3		

MATH^{*}: 3 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
MAT 1271# College Algebra OR higher math	3		

^{*}Additional prerequisite classes may be required. See Undergraduate Catalog.

[#]Required by some chiropractic schools

[^]Recommended by some Chiropractic Schools

WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE FROM OTHER APPLICANTS?

Healthcare Experience

- Volunteer or work experience in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, assisted living centers, crisis nursery, and rehab centers is beneficial.
- Shadow a specialist. Ask to volunteer or work in their practice; seek opportunity to shadow.

Leadership Experience

Chiropractors are leaders in their communities and demonstrated leadership skills are a must. Campus, church and community organizations provide excellent leadership opportunities.

CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE CONTACTS:

PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC CAMPUSES	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUSES
WEST CAMPUS 90 E. Tasman Drive San Jose, CA 95134 Phone: (866) 303-7939 Email: admissions.ca@palmer.edu	ILLINOIS CAMPUS 200 East Roosevelt Road Lombard, IL 60148-4583 Phone: (800) 826-6285
DAVENPORT CAMPUS 1000 Brady Street Davenport, IA 52803 Phone: (800) 722-3648 Email: admissions.ia@palmer.edu	www.nuhs.edu/admissions/chiropractic-medicine/
FLORIDA CAMPUS 4777 City Center Parkway Port Orange, FL 32129 Phone: (866) 585-9677 Email: admissions.fl@palmer.edu	FLORIDA CAMPUS 9200 113th St. N. Seminole, FL 33772 Phone: (800) 826-6285
www.palmer.edu/	www.nuhs.edu/admissions/chiropractic-medicine/florida-site

LOGAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC
1851 Schoettler Road Chesterfield, MO 63006-1065 Phone: (800) 782-3344
www.logan.edu/pages/default.asp

ADDITIONAL WEBSITES:

Association of Chiropractic Colleges
www.chirocolleges.org

American Chiropractor
www.americhiro.org

International Chiropractors Association
www.chiropractic.org

SAMPLE COURSE SEQUENCE:

The suggested sequence assumes that the foreign language requirement has been completed. The suggested course sequence does not include the 90 hours required for admission to chiropractic school or all requirements for a bachelor degree from EIU. Students must select additional classes to complete 90 hours required for admission to chiropractic school or completion of a bachelor degree at EIU.

FRESHMAN	
FALL	SPRING
ENG 1001G BIO 1500 CHM 1310G/1315G PSY 1879G	ENG 1002G BIO 2210 CHM 1410/1415 MAT 1271 OR higher math
SOPHOMORE	
FALL	SPRING
BIO 2220 CHM 2440/2445 Social/Behavioral Science	BIO 3210 CMN 1310G Humanities Elective
JUNIOR	
FALL	SPRING
PHY 1151/1152 (Fall ONLY) Social/Behavioral Science Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	Free Electives based on chosen chiropractic school's requirements Pre-Health Advising Exit Interview

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