

CAREER AND TRANSFER ADVISING GUIDE

CHIROPRACTIC



Building 3, Room 108, Brighton Campus • www.monroecc.edu/go/careercenter • 585.292.2248

Chiropractors diagnose and treat patients whose health problems are associated with the body's muscular, nervous, and skeletal systems, especially the spine. They believe that interference with these systems impairs the body's normal functions and lowers its resistance to disease. Chiropractors provide natural, drugless, non-surgical health treatments and rely on the body's inherent recuperative abilities. When appropriate, chiropractors consult with and refer patients to other health practitioners.

Degree: Chiropractic schools award the Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree. All States and the District of Columbia regulate the practice of chiropractic and grant licenses to chiropractors who meet educational and examination requirements established by the State. Chiropractors can practice only in states where they are licensed. Specialty councils within some chiropractic associations offer programs leading to clinical specialty certification, called "diplomate" certification, in areas such as orthopedics, neurology, sports injuries, occupational and industrial health, nutrition, diagnostic imaging, thermography, and internal disorders.

Admission to Chiropractic Schools: Chiropractic schools require a minimum of 90 credits of college level work; although many strongly recommend a baccalaureate degree. They look for students who possess the desire and patience to meet the needs of the sick, a commitment to academic rigor, and motivation and enthusiasm for the profession.

Typical Prerequisite Courses for Chiropractic School: One year of English; One year of biology with laboratories; One year of physics with laboratories; Two years of chemistry with laboratories, including organic; and additional social science and humanities courses. Calculus is a prerequisite for physics. Examples of MCC courses include:

English - 6 credits	CHE 151 & 152 - Gen College Chem I & II	BIO 155 & 156 - General Biology I & II
Social Sciences/Humanities - 15 credits	CHE 251 & 252 - Organic Chem I & II	PHY 154 & 155 - General Physics I & II
PSY 101 - Introductory Psychology	BIO 142 - Human Anatomy	or
MTH 210 - Calculus I	BIO 143 - Human Physiology	PHY 161 & 261 - University Physics I & II

Additional Requirements: Other recommended courses may include cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, anatomy, genetics, physiology, and additional psychology and English composition courses. Please note that Chiropractic Schools may prefer some of the above courses be completed at a 4-year institution. Certain technical standards must also be met. These include but are not limited to physical strength, coordination and manual dexterity.

Colleges in New York State Offering a Degree in Chiropractic:

D'Youville College

New York Chiropractic College (NYCC)*

**(Inquire about MCC's Pre-Chiropractic Liberal Arts Advisement Sequence for NYCC)*

Additional Information:

Chiropractic as a Career (The American Chiropractic Association) - www.acatoday.org/level2_css.cfm?1ID=33&T2ID=203

The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) Directory of Chiropractic Degree Programs and Solitary Purpose Chiropractic Institutions Holding Accredited Status - www.cce-usa.org/Accredited_Doctor_Chiro.html

The Council on Chiropractor Education (CCE) - www.cce-usa.org/

USDL, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Chiropractor - www.bls.gov/oco/ocos071.htm

Chiropractic 101: An Aspiring Chiropractor - www.planetc1.com/cgi-bin/n/v.cgi?c=1&id=1154295921

Updated 6/2011

Note: While every effort is made to ensure that the information in this guide is accurate, students are advised to meet with a counselor in the MCC Career and Transfer Center and to contact transfer institutions for specific course requirements and the most up-to-date information.