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**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 also 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 Bachelor’s Degree. (Some states require a baccalaureate degree for licensure). They also 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 required in order to take physics. Examples of MCC courses are below:

	CHE 151 – General College Chemistry I
English – 6 credits	CHE 152 – General College Chemistry II
Social Sciences/Humanities – 15 credits	CHE 251 - Organic Chemistry I
PSY 101 – Introductory Psychology	CHE 252 - Organic Chemistry II
BIO 155 – General Biology I	PHY 154 - General Physics I
BIO 156 – General Biology II	PHY 155 - General Physics II
	or
MTH 210 – Calculus I	PHY 161 – University Physics I
	PHY 261 – University Physics II

**Additional Requirements:** Other recommended courses may include cell biology, microbiology, biochemistry, anatomy, genetics, physiology, college math, 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.

**Colleges in NYS Offering a Degree in Chiropractic:**

New York Chiropractic College (NYCC)\*

D’Youville College

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

**Please 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 Center and to contact transfer institutions for specific course requirements and the most up-to-date information.