Chiropractic is the largest natural health profession in the world and the third largest primary health care profession in the U.S.

Using spinal adjustments and manipulation, chiropractors restore and maintain the health of the spine and the nervous system to support the body’s natural ability to be healthy.

There are many reasons students choose a career as a chiropractor. Chiropractors work directly with patients and have an affinity for wellness and a healthy lifestyle. Most chiropractors work in a solo or group practice. They may set their own schedule but often work evenings or weekend to accommodate patient schedules.

Applying to chiropractic programs
In addition to doing well academically, students should be achievement-oriented, empathetic, have excellent communication skills, possess dexterity and demonstrate organizational skills.

Gain experience
► Job shadow a chiropractor.
► Apply for internships in a chiropractic office.
► Seek opportunities for research experience.

Find out more
The American Chiropractic Association provides resources for students considering becoming a chiropractor as a career.
► Visit acatoday.org for more information.

Pre-chiropractic at Clemson University

Chiropractic career options
► General chiropractic practice
Or specializing in one of several areas:
► Sports injuries
► Neurology
► Orthopedics
► Pediatrics
► Nutrition
► Internal disorders
► Diagnostic imaging

Chiropractic schools
► Life University
► Life Chiropractic College West
► Logan College of Chiropractic
► Southern California University of Health Sciences
► National University of Health Sciences
► New York Chiropractic College
► Northwestern Health Science Center
► Palmer College of Chiropractic
► Parker University
► Sherman College of Chiropractic
► Texas Chiropractic College
► University of Bridgeport
► University of Western States

Plan your path
Core prerequisites checklist for many chiropractic programs:
☐ Biology
☐ Chemistry
☐ Organic chemistry
☐ Physics
☐ Microbiology
☐ Sociology
☐ Psychology

Applicants must have 90 undergraduate hours (24 hours in the life and natural sciences) before applying to a chiropractic college. An increasing number of programs require a bachelor’s degree.
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