

CERRITOS COLLEGE PRE-PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS

Chiropractic Medicine

Every professional degree program has specific admissions requirements including prerequisite courses that must be successfully completed. The courses listed below are **common prerequisites** for this pre-professional pathway. They are **subject to change**. It is the student's responsibility to check the specific school for prerequisite details.

The following courses **do not lead to an associate degree specific to Chiropractic**; however, the courses overlap with major requirements for the **Associate of Arts in Natural Sciences**, which requires a minimum of 18 units of science and mathematics courses to include at least 4 units in the Physical Sciences, at least 4 units in the Biological Sciences, and at least 3 units in Mathematics. Please refer to the Cerritos College catalog for more information.

Admission to **Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)** programs is very competitive. Competitive applicants often have completed the equivalent of a bachelor's degree, which may be in any major. Common majors include exercise science, biology, kinesiology, and psychology. College grades (GPA) and Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are typically used in preliminary screening. The GRE evaluates knowledge in analytical writing, verbal reasoning, and quantitative reasoning.

Paid or volunteer clinical experience under supervision of a licensed chiropractor is expected for most chiropractic programs. This experience is helpful to you as a prospective chiropractor as it allows you to gain valuable insight into your decision whether it is the right career path for you. In addition, it may provide an opportunity to receive a letter of support from a chiropractic professional, which may be a valuable element of your application.

Suggested Lower Division Preparation for Schools of Chiropractic

Schools with chiropractic programs may not have a set of specifically identified prerequisite courses; however, they typically expect a solid foundation of 24+ units of physical and life/biological science coursework, such as the courses below.

Prefix	Number	Title	Units
A&P	150	Introduction to Human Anatomy	4
<i>or</i> A&P	200	Human Anatomy	(5)
A&P	151	Introduction to Human Physiology	4
<i>or</i> A&P	201	Human Physiology	(5)
BIOL	200	Principles of Biology	5
BIOL	201	Principles of Biology	5
CHEM	111	General Chemistry	5
CHEM	112	General Chemistry	5
PHYS	101	General Physics	4
PHYS	102	General Physics	4

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Prefix	Number	Title	Units
STAT	C1000	Introduction to Statistics	4
<i>or</i> STAT	C1000E	Introduction to Statistics	(4.5)

Additionally, students following a pre-chiropractic pathway are advised to take a variety of oral and written communication, humanities, social/behavioral sciences, and foreign language coursework. Examples include ENGL C1000 or C1000E, COMM C1000, PSYC C1000, and SOCI C1000.

California Chiropractic Schools

- [Life Chiropractic College West](#)
- [Palmer College of Chiropractic West](#)
- [Southern California University of Health Sciences](#)

Additional Resources

- [The Association of Chiropractic Colleges](http://www.chirocolleges.org) (<http://www.chirocolleges.org>)
- [Discover Chiropractic](https://discoverchiropractic.org) (<https://discoverchiropractic.org>)
- [Explore Health Careers](https://explorehealthcareers.org) (<https://explorehealthcareers.org>)
- [CSULB Health Professions Advising Office](https://www.csulb.edu/college-of-natural-sciences-and-mathematics/hpao) (<https://www.csulb.edu/college-of-natural-sciences-and-mathematics/hpao>)