



GENERAL INFORMATION

Chiropractic medicine is based on the idea that the skeletal structure of the body is related to total body function. A Doctor of Chiropractic works with patients to promote wellness, assess health status, diagnose disease conditions and holistically manage the patient's health care without drugs or surgery. A Doctor of Chiropractic often works in consultation with other health care providers.

A degree in Chiropractic medicine (DC) usually is completed in 4 years after the undergraduate preparation, and may include simultaneous completion of a baccalaureate degree. One hundred and thirty-five (135) quarter credits (approximately 3 years) of preparatory courses are required before application to a Chiropractic college, though a bachelor's degree is recommended. At a minimum, 90 credits may be completed at the community college and the additional 45 upper-division credits must be completed at a university before application to a Chiropractic college.

Everett Community College recommends that pre-chiropractic students pursue the **Associate in Arts and Sciences – Option II** degree, which meets guidelines for direct transfer to most colleges and universities in Washington, as well as to the major public universities in Oregon. The degree enables the student to complete basic distribution requirements in Math, English, Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences, and to begin the major course of study. Depending upon the student's intended major and choice of Chiropractic college, this option may or may not meet all of the pre-requisites for the major. It is very important to discuss this with an advisor.

CAREER OPTIONS

A chiropractor uses an interdisciplinary approach to health care, usually in a private clinic setting. Chiropractors may offer specialized services relating to industry or occupational health issues, athletic injuries, x-ray interpretation, orthopedics, geriatrics or pediatrics, nutrition or rehabilitation. Income can vary based on locations, hours, specialization and whether or not the chiropractor is in private practice or salaried. For more information about the Chiropractic profession, refer to this website: www.amerchiro.org/

GETTING STARTED AT EVCC

Our Enrollment Services Office provides information about application, advising, orientation and registration for new and continuing students. Though advising is voluntary, all prospective and current students are invited to contact the Enrollment Services Office or the Counseling Advising and Career Center (CACC) if they would like to speak one-to-one with an advisor about getting started.

- ◆ Enrollment Services, Jackson Ctr, 425-388-9219, admissions@everettcc.edu
- ◆ CACC, Third Floor, Parks, 425-388-9263

PREPARATION

High school study in math, biology and chemistry is very helpful, so that college level courses in these subjects can be immediately pursued. Additionally, writing and communication skills are important.

Students interested in health fields should be prepared to work with a diversity of clients. Their written, verbal and personal communications skills should be strong.

Admission committees of Chiropractic colleges prefer individuals with high academic achievement and test scores, who have recently completed the essential science and math courses, who have demonstrated interest and experience in their intended field, who have strong communication skills, and who can meet the stated physical criteria of the program.

Courses are required in the following disciplines: English Composition (2 quarters), Biology (3-4 quarters), Inorganic and Organic Chemistry (2-3 quarters each), Physics (2 quarters), Math prerequisites for other science courses, Psychology (1 quarter), Speech, Sociology, Economics, and Business. Most schools require a minimum GPA of 2.5 with no grades lower than C+ in biology and chemistry for admission. For specific requirements in your area of interest or for the school to which you wish to transfer, it is strongly recommended that you contact an EvCC biology advisor and contact the transfer institution.

Websites of selected Chiropractic schools [April 2008]:

Life Chiropractic College West (San Lorenzo CA)	www.lifewest.edu
Logan College of Chiropractic (Chesterfield MO)	www.logan.edu
Southern California University of Health Sciences Los Angeles College of Chiropractic (CA)	www.scuhs.edu/
Palmer College of Chiropractic (Davenport IA)	www.palmer.edu
Palmer College of Chiropractic West (San Jose CA)	www.palmer.edu/prospective
Western States Chiropractic College (Portland OR)	www.wschiro.edu

PROGRAM ADVISORS

It is helpful to consult with university advisors, as well as EvCC advisors. Please contact one of these EvCC advisors to help you select which degree pathway to follow, and to map out your program of study.

- ◆ Fayla Schwartz, Shuksan 117, 425-388-945, fschwartz@everettcc.edu
- ◆ Elliot Stern, Shuksan 133, 425-388-9424, estern@everettcc.edu

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

This plan assumes the student is academically ready for college level Math, English and Chemistry courses. Since Chiropractic applicants need three years of pre-requisite courses, a student could elect to take the courses listed here for the summer sessions during a third year of studies.

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
CHEM& 161 [140] BIOL& 211 [160] MATH& 141 [140]	CHEM& 162 [150] BIOL& 231 [235] ENGL& 101 or 101D	CHEM& 163 [160] BIOL& 232 [237] MATH& 146 [281]	PSYC& 100 ENGL& 102 or 102D CMST& 210 [SPCH 100]
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
CHEM& 261 [200] PHYS& 121 [117] ENGL& 102 or 102D	CHEM& 232 [201] PHYS& 122 [118] BIOL& 260 [250]	CHEM& 233 [202] PHYS& 123 [119] SOC& 101 [110]	HUMANITIES SOCIAL SCIENCE HUMANITIES

