

Pre-Chiropractic Program at Messiah College

Messiah College has a proud tradition of preparing students for careers in Chiropractic Medicine. While the academic and experiential requirements *may* vary by institution, most of them have similar requirements. Prospective applicants are encouraged to research the schools to which they may apply to best plan their curriculum. The purpose of this document is to present a brief outline of what is generally expected of successful applicants to Chiropractic School, and how Messiah College prepares its students to meet and often exceed these requirements. You will note that at Messiah we have a Pre-Chiropractic **Program**. Our program is best thought of as an overlay of courses that can be scheduled as part of most majors, with the exception of engineering and nursing.

Preparing for a Career in Chiropractic Medicine

Description of Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Department of Labor <i>Occupational Outlook Handbook</i> www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm • www.explorehealthcareers.org
Course Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 year general biology • 1 year general chemistry • 1 year organic chemistry • 1 year general physics • 1 year English • 1 semester psychology • 5 courses in social sciences or humanities • Some schools may also require additional courses (check the Association of Chiropractic Colleges website at www.chirocolleges.org)
Application Timeline	<p>Chiropractic college directly after Messiah College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required courses completed by end of senior year (although preference may be given to applicants that complete the required courses sooner) • Apply during fall of senior year
Standardized Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually none, but check the Association of Chiropractic Colleges website at www.chirocolleges.org
Application Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No centralized application service • Apply directly to each Chiropractic College • APPLY EARLY!!!
Admissions Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA • Letters of evaluation • Health-related experience • Personal statement
Length of Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies by school • Typically, 3-4 years
Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)
Additional Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Chiropractic Colleges (www.chirocolleges.org) • The Council on Chiropractic Education (www.cce-usa.org) • American Chiropractic Association (www.amerchiro.org)