

Office of Pre-Health Professions PRE-CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE

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Name: _____ ID #: _____

Degree Requirements:

1. Please visit the Office of Pre-Health Professions early so that we can assist you in meeting all requirements for your choice in schools.
2. **G.P.A:** A minimum GPA of 2.00 in the sciences (BCPM = Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math) and a minimum of 2.5 overall is required. **C minus (C-)** grades and pre-foundational courses are not transferable for credit.
3. **Minimum of 135 units:** A BA degree is encouraged but not required.
4. **Maximum of 30 units** may be acquired through CLEP examinations or through challenged courses.

	Domain/Course(s)	Units
	First Year Seminar (UNST 101A & 101B)	2

	Required Courses:	Units
	College Writing I (ENGL 111)	3
	College Writing II (ENGL 112)	3
	College Writing III (ENGL 113)	3
	General Physics I (PHYS 231 & Lab)	5
	General Physics II (PHYS 232 & Lab)	5
	General Physics III (PHYS 233 & Lab)	5
	*General Biology I (BIOL 111 & Lab)	5
	*General Biology II (BIOL 112 & Lab)	5
	*General Biology III (BIOL 113 & Lab)	5
	*The entire General Biology sequence may be replaced by taking the Anatomy & Physiology sequence (BIOL 131, 132 & Labs)	
	General Chemistry I (CHEM 111 & Lab)	5
	General Chemistry II (CHEM 112 & Lab)	5
	General Chemistry III (CHEM 113 & Lab)	5
	Organic Chemistry I (CHEM 371)	4
	Organic Chemistry II (CHEM 372 & Lab)	4
	Organic Chemistry III (CHEM 373 & Lab)	4
	General Psychology (PSYC 104)	4
	Developmental Psychology (PSYC 234)	4
	23 units of Humanities and/or Social Sciences	

<p>Southern CA. University of Health Sciences Deadline: 30 days prior to the beginning of the Sept. or Jan. term. (135 qtr. units) Contact Information: Address: 16200 E. Amber Valley Drive Whittier, CA 90609 Phone: 1-562-902-3309 or 1-877-434-7757 E-mail: admissions@scuhs.edu Website: http://www.scuhs.edu/admissions.html</p>	<p>Cleveland Chiropractic College: L.A Deadline: One calendar year before desired entry. Start dates are Sept., Jan., & May Contact Information: Address: 590 North Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004 Phone: 323-906-2031 OR 1-800-466-2252 E-mail: la.admissions@cleveland.edu Website: http://www.cleveland.edu</p>	<p>Life Chiropractic College West Deadline: At least 3 months prior Contact Information: Address: 25001 Industrial Blvd. Hayward, CA 94545 Phone: 510-780-4500 OR 1-800-788-4476 E-mail: admissions@lifewest.edu Website: www.lifewest.edu</p>
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The Office of Pre-Health Professions is dedicated to providing quality service to La Sierra University students, faculty and staff. Our primary goal is to address your pre-professional needs. As a service-based department, we accept walk-ins on a daily basis. We endeavor to answer all of your questions about careers in the health field; no question is too small for our attention. We are located in Palmer Hall, home of the Chemistry department and next door to the Thaine B. Price Science Complex.

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Career opportunities and related occupations: Chiropractors diagnose and treat patients with health problems associated with the body’s muscular, nervous, and skeletal systems, especially the spine. Interference with these systems is believed to impair normal functions and lower resistance to disease. Chiropractors hold that misalignment of spinal vertebrae or irritation of the spinal nerves can alter many important body functions by affecting the nervous system. The Chiropractic approach to health care is holistic, stressing the patients overall wellbeing. It recognizes that many factors affect health, including exercise, diet, rest, environment, and heredity. Chiropractors use natural, drugless, non-surgical health treatments, and rely on the body’s inherent recuperative abilities. They also recommend lifestyle changes (e.g. in eating and sleeping habits) to their patients. When appropriate, chiropractors consult with and refer patients to other health practitioners. About 70% of practicing Chiropractors are self employed. The remainder work in chiropractic clinics, hospitals, or HMOs’s, or are employed at chiropractic colleges. Specializations in the field include chiropractic sports medicine, chiropractic nutrition specialists, and chiropractic radiologists.

Educational Qualifications: All states and the District of Columbia regulate the practice of chiropractic care and grant licenses to chiropractors who meet educational requirements (a Doctorate of Chiropractic – D.C.) and pass a state board examination. Chiropractors also referred to as chiropractic physicians can only practice in states where they are licensed. Some states have reciprocity agreements that permit chiropractors licensed in another state to obtain a license without further examination.

Job Opportunities: Job prospects are expected to be good for persons who enter the practice of chiropractic. Employment for chiropractors is expected to grow faster than average for all occupants through the year 2014 as consumer demand for alternative health care rises. Because chiropractors emphasize the importance of a healthy lifestyle and do not prescribe drugs or perform surgery, chiropractic care is appealing to many health-conscious Americans.

Salary: Chiropractors can expect to make about \$72,160 in California. For the most updated information on salaries visit: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm>.

Websites:	Professional Organizations	Professional Organizations Cont.:
<p>La Sierra University: www.lasierra.edu/departments/prehealth</p>	<p>American Chiropractic Association 1701 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22209 http://www.amerchiro.org</p> <p>Council on Chiropractic Education 8049 W 85th Way Scottsdale, AZ 85258-4321 http://www.cce-usa.org</p>	<p>International Chiropractors Association 1110 N. Glebe Rd., Ste. 1000 Arlington, VA 22201 http://www.chiropractic.org</p>