



# PRE-CHIROPRACTIC PATHWAY

## AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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CATALOG	

2025-2026

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: 30-38 HRS

#### LANGUAGE#: 9 HRS

Grade of "C" or better is required.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>ENG 1001G</b> Composition & Language	3		
<b>ENG 1002G</b> Composition & Language II	3		
<b>CMN 1310G</b> Intro. to Speech Comm.	3		

#### HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS: 6 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>Humanities</b> _____	3		
<b>Humanities or Fine Arts</b> _____	3		

#### MATH: 3 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>MAT 1271#</b> College Algebra <b>OR</b> higher math	3		

#### SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE: 9 HRS

Must be from two different disciplines. One course must meet Cultural & Diversity requirement

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>PSY 1879G#</b> Intro to Psychology	3		
	3		

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS

Exempt if 2 yrs in high school with "C" average.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>WL _____G</b>	4		
<b>WL _____G</b>	4		

### \*SCIENCE CORE: 24 HRS

BIOLOGY COURSES	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>BIO 1500</b> General Biology I	4		
<b>BIO 2210*</b> Anatomy & Physiology I	4		
<b>BIO 2220*</b> Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
<b>BIO 3120</b> Molecular & Cell Biology	4		
CHEMISTRY COURSES	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>CHM 1310G</b> General Chemistry I	3		
<b>CHM 1315G</b> General Chemistry I Lab	1		
<b>CHM 1410</b> General Chemistry II	3		
<b>CHM 1415</b> General Chemistry II Lab	1		
<b>CHM 2430/2440</b> Organic Chemistry	3		
<b>CHM 2435/2445</b> Organic Chemistry Lab	1		
PHYSICS COURSES	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>PHY 1151G</b> Principles Physics I	3		
<b>PHY 1152G</b> Principles Physics I Lab	1		

\*Additional prerequisite classes may be required. See Undergraduate Catalog.

\* Required by some chiropractic schools

Chiropractic medicine is a branch of health care that focuses on treating patients without the use of drugs or surgery. This profession advocates a holistic philosophy, which emphasizes prevention and wellness over treating disease and injury. Chiropractic physicians are trained in diagnosis and treatment of diseases of all body systems with a concentration in the nervous and musculoskeletal systems. In addition to the classroom instruction there are additional internships and preceptorships that lead to the completion of the doctorate degree. Following completion of the necessary doctorate course work and internships, the student will be expected to take the National Board Exam. Individual states differ in their licensing requirements.

Chiropractic education programs require at least 3 years of undergraduate education, and most require a bachelor's degree. Undergraduate studies must include a prescribed number of prerequisite courses, as defined by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), an accrediting agency of the US Department of Education.

### STANDARD ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have completed 90 semester hours or the equivalent of three academic years of undergraduate study at an institution accredited by a U.S. Department of Education agency or an equivalent foreign agency.
- Grade point average (GPA) must be at least 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale.
- 90 hours includes a minimum of 24 semester hours in life and physical science courses which provide an adequate background for success in the doctor of chiropractic program (DCP). At least half of these courses will have a substantive laboratory component.
- An applicant's undergraduate preparation must also include a well-rounded general education program in the humanities and social sciences, and other coursework deemed relevant by the DCP for students to successfully complete the DCP curriculum.
- Chiropractic education programs have rolling admissions throughout the year and operate on semesters, trimesters and quarters. Check with the program in which you are interested to learn more about its specific academic requirements, course curriculum, and admission deadlines.

EIU offers all the prerequisite courses for entrance to chiropractic school.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Hours
<input type="checkbox"/> 40 SH of upper division courses (3000+)
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 SH in residence at EIU
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 SH junior-senior residency
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 SH senior residency
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 Cumulative GPA

<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 Major GPA
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Diversity
<input type="checkbox"/> Application for Graduation (First semester junior year)
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Writing Portfolio 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/>
See <a href="http://www.eiu.edu/~assess/">www.eiu.edu/~assess/</a> for requirements

# PRE-CHIROPRACTIC PREPARATION

## WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE FROM OTHER APPLICANTS?

### HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE

- Volunteer or work experience in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, assisted living centers, crisis nursery, and rehab centers is beneficial.
- Connect with a specialist. Ask to shadow, volunteer, or work in their practice.

### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Chiropractors are leaders in their communities and demonstrated leadership skills are a must. Campus and community organizations provide excellent leadership opportunities.

## CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE CONTACTS:

### + PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC CAMPUSES [www.palmer.edu/](http://www.palmer.edu/)

#### WEST CAMPUS

90 E. Tasman Drive  
San Jose, CA 95134  
Phone: (866) 303-7939  
Email: [admissions.ca@palmer.edu](mailto:admissions.ca@palmer.edu)

#### DAVENPORT CAMPUS

1000 Brady Street  
Davenport, IA 52803  
Phone: (800) 722-3648  
Email: [admissions.ia@plamer.edu](mailto:admissions.ia@plamer.edu)

#### FLORIDA CAMPUS

4777 City Center Parkway  
Port Orange, FL 32129  
Phone: (866) 585-9677  
Email: [admissions.fl@palmer.edu](mailto:admissions.fl@palmer.edu)

### + LOGAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC [www.logan.edu/pages/default.asp](http://www.logan.edu/pages/default.asp)

1851 Schoettler Road  
Chesterfield, MO 63006-1065  
Phone: (800) 782-3344

## RESOURCES:

**Association of Chiropractic Colleges**  
[www.chirocolleges.org](http://www.chirocolleges.org)

**American Chiropractic Association**  
[www.americhiro.org](http://www.americhiro.org)

**International Chiropractors Association**  
[www.chiropractic.org](http://www.chiropractic.org)

## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

YEAR 1				
FALL		SPRING		
ENG 1001G	3	ENG 1002G	3	
BIO 1500	4	BIO 2210	4	
CHM 1310G/1315G	4	CHM 1410/1415	4	
PSY 1879G	3	MAT 1271 OR higher math	3	
Total		14	Total	14
YEAR 2				
FALL		SPRING		
BIO 2220	4	BIO 3120	4	
CHM 2440/2445	3	CMN 1310G	3	
Social & Behav. Sciences	3	Humanities Elective	3	
Total		10	Total	10
YEAR 3				
FALL		SPRING		
PHY 1151/1152 (FA ONLY)	4	Free Electives based on chosen chiropractic school's requirements <i>Pre-Health Advising Exit Interview</i>		
Social/Behavioral Science	3			
Humanities & Fine Arts	3			
Total		10	Total	

The suggested schedule sequence assumes that the foreign language requirement has been completed.

Many courses have prerequisites. See Undergraduate Catalog.

**The suggested course sequence does not include the 90 hours required for admission to chiropractic school or all requirements for a bachelor degree from EIU.** Students must select additional classes to complete 90 hours required for admission to chiropractic school or completion of a bachelor degree at EIU.

## NOTES, QUESTIONS, MINOR REQUIREMENTS: