



# Guide to Chiropractic School

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Chiropractic practice is a diverse field which is organized into two schools: Science and Philosophic. Be advised, the training you have received up until this point at Edinboro University has been in the Science based model. Chiropractic school can be expected to take four years depending on personal factors. The current median salary for [Chiropractors](#) is \$33.00/ hourly or \$68,640 annually. Job growth is listed as “faster than average” with a 10-14% expected growth up to 2026 and approximately 1,800 job openings per year.

When choosing a school, be sure to choose one that is accredited by the [Council on Chiropractic Education](#). This choice may impact your chances of qualifying for licensure as a Chiropractor. Click [HERE](#) for a full list of accredited programs.

### TIMELINE FOR CHIROPRACTIC SCHOOL APPLICATION

- 1 year before application – Research/visit schools
- 6 months before application – Take any relevant tests if applicable from your school research
- 3 months before application – Gather letters of recommendation
- 2 months before application – Enter materials into Chiropractic Central Application System ([ChiroCAS](#))
  - Prepare for interviews using [BigInterview](#)
- 1 month before application – Apply for transcript to be sent to ChiroCAS and schools
- 1 month before application deadline – Apply and ensure that application is complete

### Important Notes

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- As stated before, be advised of a school’s theoretical orientation
- All transcripts must be sent from every school attended. No transfer grades will be accepted.
- For students that are entering school outside of a pre-health major, note that pre-requisites will need to be completed for licensure in some states.

### Red Flags

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Red flags are issues that could hinder your chances of a successful application to Chiropractic school.

Some red flags are:

- Missing Pre-requisite courses
- Felony Convictions
  - DUI’s or other drug/alcohol related offenses
- Misdemeanor Convictions (depending on the offense)
- Negative Social Media Posts
- Negative Press
  - A juvenile offense that was published in the paper or that can be tracked back to you easily in a background check
  - Any offense that has been published and has been indexed by a search engine
- Institutional judicial affairs actions
- Poor GPA / Too many course withdrawals

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- Getting dismissed from another Chiropractic school

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Physical Requirements**

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As Chiropractic Medicine requires physical manipulation, there are physical requirements of the profession. Consider abilities when choosing this profession.

- Ability to use upper extremities in the performance of common manipulation techniques
  - Positioning, feeling with hands, palpating, pulling, thrusting with hands and wrists, grasping, and lifting over ten pounds.
- Ability to determine depth and intensity of force as applied from hands and body in the practice of common techniques.

#### **GPA**

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GPA admission requirements will depend on your program.

Examples of average GPA at a few institutions:

- GPA: 3.38 (University of Western States)
- GPA: 3.25 (Logan University)
- GPA: 3.8 (Cleveland University – Kansas City)

Minimum Cumulative: 3.0 (Required by Council on Chiropractic Education)

#### **Extracurriculars**

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It is strongly advised that there is job shadowing and/or official work in some capacity at a chiropractic clinic in your undergraduate experience. An average student has at least 50 hours of this experience. Some schools, such as Logan University, will not have this requirement.

Volunteer experience is also strongly recommended to demonstrate altruism and commitment to serving others. Volunteer experience should be completed from freshman to senior years. Even if volunteer experience has not been started in the freshman year, it is not too early to start by the sophomore year.

#### **GRE**

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Depending on your school, your school may require the GRE or no test. Check your desired school's admission requirements or with an admission team to ascertain.

- Most schools do not require the entrance exam

#### **Letters Of References**

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Most schools will require at least three Letters of Recommendation

- Many schools will require a Letter of Recommendation from a current practicing Chiropractor

#### **Writing Prompts/Letter of Intent**

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The secondary application for Chiropractic school can be considered the essay that is required to get in. Chiropractic schools may require a "Statement of Motivation" for admittance.

Consider the following

- What are your reasons for pursuing Chiropractic care as a career?

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- What are your reasons for choosing this school?
- What are your plans post-graduation?

### Helpful Hints

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- Some schools will have deadlines based on the semester of admittance (ex: Fall, Spring, Summer). Be mindful to be prompt in submitting your application so that you start school in your intended schedule.
- While some schools may not require an interview, you should prepare for one anyway.
- Check your desired school's NBCE's exam pass rate. These are usually provided at the school's website. A high pass rate indicates a stronger program.

### RESOURCES

<https://portal.chirocas.org/>

<http://www.cce-usa.org/>

<https://www.acatoday.org/About/Related-Organizations/Chiropractic-Colleges>

#### [Chiropractic Central Application System \(ChiroCAS\)](#)

16 Schools participate in the Central Application System. There are 20 total in the USA. The application system is similar to an Applicant Tracking System