The Council on Chiropractic Education publishes minimum requirements at [www.cce-usa.org](http://www.cce-usa.org) (see official publications). The Association of Chiropractic Colleges at [www.chirocolleges.org/members.html](http://www.chirocolleges.org/members.html) lists accredited chiropractic colleges. Web sites for the individual colleges provide more detailed information about specific requirements.

In preparation for the Doctor of Chiropractic Degree, most programs require that applicants have at least 3 years of undergraduate education, and an increasing number require a bachelor’s degree. All matriculants must furnish proof of having earned a minimum of 90 semester units of appropriate pre-professional courses from an institution accredited by a nationally recognized agency. Of the 90 units, 48 must be completed in the prerequisite courses listed below with no grades below 2.00. All applicants must have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 for both the prerequisite courses and the required 90 units.

### Pre-professional courses

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**LIFE CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE WEST**  
25001 Industrial Blvd, Hayward, CA 94545  
[www.lifewest.edu](http://www.lifewest.edu)  
800-788-4476

**PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC** (West campus) 90 E. Tasman Drive, San Jose, CA 95134  
[www.palmer.edu](http://www.palmer.edu)  
866-303-7939  
email admissions.ca@palmer.edu

Students must complete 90 semester credits with a 2.75 cumulative GPA. Preferences will be given to students earning a 3.0 or better. Palmer encourages a well-rounded education with coursework that includes 24 science credits.

Recommended life and physical sciences courses (other course selections may be acceptable; however, check with the admissions office before registering for classes other than those listed):

- **Biology:** BIO 2.2, 2.3, ANAT 40
- **Inorganic Chemistry:** CHEM 1A/1B
- **Organic Chemistry:** CHEM 12A/12B
- **Physics:** PHYS 20/20L, 21/21L

See articulation agreement which extends to Iowa and Florida campuses: [http://www.santarosa.edu/for_students/student-services/articulation/california-independent.shtml](http://www.santarosa.edu/for_students/student-services/articulation/california-independent.shtml)

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16200 E. Amber Valley Dr, Whittier, CA 90604  
[www.scuhs.edu/academics/lacc/](http://www.scuhs.edu/academics/lacc/)  
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email Admissions@scuhs.edu

**UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES, College of Chiropractic** 2900 NE 132nd Ave., Portland, OR 97230  
[www.uws.edu](http://www.uws.edu)  
800-641-5641 or 503-251-5734

Students must complete a minimum of 90 semester units with a cumulative GPA of 3.00. Individual courses must be completed with at least a “C” grade. For students needing additional credit, biology coursework above and beyond the minimums listed is recommended.

- BIO 2.1 & 2.2 or ANAT 1 & PHYSIO 1; CHEM 1A/1B or 4A/4B; CHEM 12A/12B; PHYSICS 20/20L, 22/21L;  
- Humanities or Social Sciences (Humanities typically include art history, literature, music, philosophy, religious thought, foreign language, & performing arts; Social Sciences typically include anthropology, economics, geography, history, political sciences, psychology & sociology)