WHAT DEGREES AND PROGRAMS DO WE OFFER?

The Minnesota State University, Mankato Pre-Chiropractic Program meets the requirements of the Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington, Minnesota. Other colleges may have different requirements; therefore, during your first year at Minnesota State University, Mankato, you should present your program to the college you plan to attend.

NATURE OF THE PROFESSION

Chiropractors diagnose and treat health problems related to the muscular, nervous, and skeletal systems with an emphasis on the spine. Their philosophy is that interference with these systems impairs normal function and lowers resistance to disease. Chiropractors stress a holistic approach to health care.

Chiropractors treat patients primarily by manual manipulation (adjustments) of parts of the body, especially the spinal column. In addition to manipulation, chiropractors use water, light, massage, ultrasound, and electric or heat therapy. They also prescribe diet, support, exercise, and rest. Chiropractors do not prescribe drugs or perform surgery.

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

Almost all chiropractors work in private offices. The average work week is about 40 hours, but this may include some evening and weekend time to accommodate patients who work during the day.

EMPLOYMENT POTENTIAL

There are about 70,000 chiropractors in the United States. Like other self-employed health practitioners, chiropractors tend to be older than average when they retire. Most chiropractors are in private practice, with about 70 percent in individual practice. Chiropractors often locate in small communities — about half work in cities of 50,000 or less. The median salary in 2019 for chiropractors was $153,000.

BACKGROUND PREPARATION

Acceptance to a chiropractic college is competitive, and is partially based on academic performance in your pre-professional courses. Students wishing to enter this field should be highly motivated and maintain high standards of academic excellence.

High school coursework (for best preparation), should include course in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and communications (English and Speech).

PRE-CHIROPRACTIC PROGRAM

This program as outlined satisfies the requirements for admission to the Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington, Minnesota. Other professional schools and colleges may have other requirements. Students are encouraged to consult regularly with their Minnesota State Mankato pre-chiropractic advisor, and also consult with the professional college(s) they would like to enter.

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An additional 1.5 credits of Humanities and Social Science coursework is required.
GO PRO LEARNING COMMUNITY

If you are entering college planning to continue advanced education by attending medical school, veterinary school, physical therapy school, or other professional programs, your path could be complex and challenging. The Pre-Professional Sciences learning community is here to help! The learning community will offer you support in your course work by having group study session throughout the week with others in your classes. You will also have the opportunity to have your questions answered through your interaction with faculty from these departments. The learning community is here to help guide you in the process of pursuing these demanding programs.

WHAT YOU’LL TAKE:

As a part of the learning community, you’ll be enrolled in the following courses:

**Fall Semester**
- SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)
- FYEX 100: First Year Seminar (1 credit)
- BIOL 105: General Biology I (4 credits)

**Spring Semester**
- PSYC 101: Introduction to Psychological Science (4 credits)
- CMST 102: Public Speaking (3 credits)
- BIOL 106: General Biology II (4 credits)

By enrolling in 15 credits or more per semester, you are more likely to complete your Bachelor’s degree in 4 years.

WHERE YOU’LL LIVE:

Students will be assigned to renovated double rooms (Crawford A, B, D, McElroy E, F, H or Preska I). Renovated rooms have in-room air-conditioning and share a community bathroom with the floor. Learning Community students are housed with other students in the same learning community.

For additional information about course requirements, please visit http://www.mnsu.edu/supersite/academics/bulletins/