

Pre-Chiropractic Prerequisites and Timeline for Application



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How to use this document:

- These are the common prerequisites for chiropractic programs. Check individual programs for exact requirements.
- Take these classes (according to prerequisites). Work with a pre-health advisor to determine correct sequencing.
- This page demonstrates the prerequisites, you can choose to take two to four years – whatever amount of time fits best with your plan.
- Add major classes along with pre-chiropractic prerequisites
- Pay close attention to sequences, prerequisites and when classes are offered
- Your major can be in any field as long as you have the classes to prepare you for a chiropractic program – Choose your major by your greatest field of interest.

Course Subject and Title	Credits	Offered	Pre & Co Requisites
BIOL 1101/1101L General Biology I and Lab	4	F,S,Su	Must place into MATH 1108
CHEM 1111/L General Chemistry I and Lab	5	F,S	MATH 1143 or 1147
CHEM 1112/L General Chemistry II and Lab	4	F,S	CHEM 1111/L
CHEM 3301/3303 Organic Chemistry I and Lab	4	F	CHEM 1112/L
COMM 1101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3	F,S	
ENGL 1101 Writing and Rhetoric I	3	F,S,Su	
ENGL 1102 Writing and Rhetoric II	3	F,S,Su	ENGL 1101
MATH 1143 College Algebra	3	F,S,Su	MATH 1108
MATH 1153 Statistical Reasoning	3	F,S,Su	MATH 1108
PHYS 1111/L General Physics I and Lab	4	F	MATH 1143 or 1147
PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology	3	F,S	
Additional Science Class with or without a Lab	3-4		
Electives*	24-31		
OBJ 4	6		
OBJ 6	3		
OBJ 7 or 8	3		
OBJ 9	3		
CHEM 3302/3304 Organic Chemistry II and Lab (Recommended)**	4	S	CHEM 3301
PHYS 1112/L General Physics II and Lab (Recommended)**	4	S	PHYS 1111/L
*Need additional 26 credits in Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science courses (Biology recommended). Between 6-8 extra classes.			
**If these courses are not taken, they will need to be replaced with Humanities, Social Sciences, or Science courses.			
For Chiropractic Program Application			
Application cycles for chiropractic programs vary significantly for each school, check with individual schools to learn more			
Some schools require the GRE – Take the GRE – receive scores approximately 10-15 days later			
Application submission 12 months prior to you anticipated start date is recommended, Chiropractic colleges have rolling admissions throughout the year			
3-6 months prior to application – Begin drafting your personal essay and finding letter writers			
Prepare for interviews with specific schools			

What else do you need?

- Letters of Recommendation
 - Most schools will require at least two letters
 - Suggested letters from a doctor of chiropractic, professor, and work supervisor
 - Consult with you pre-health advisor to determine letters of recommendation
- Leadership
 - Healthcare setting or non-healthcare setting
 - Shows that you are a strong member of a team
 - Showing leadership will make you stand out from other applicants and show you are actively preparing for your future in your career and community
 - More important for some schools than others
- Volunteer
 - Patient care experience
 - Community volunteering
 - More important for some programs than others
- Community Service
 - Demonstrating commitment and care for your community shows dedication and will make you a more attractive applicant
 - Shows that you care about people and community, which is important for any healthcare profession
 - More important for some programs than others
- Work Experience/Shadowing
 - The more experience you can get with chiropractic work, the stronger of an applicant you become
 - Use your own networking and connections, both personal and professional
 - More important for some programs than others

Helpful Links:

Discover Chiropractic: <http://www.discoverchiropractic.org/>

Association of Chiropractic Colleges: <https://acc.memberclicks.net/>

ACA: <https://www.acatoday.org/>

GRE: <https://www.ets.org/gre/>

Pre-Health at ISU: isu.edu/hpac