

Health Care: A Career For Life

CHIROPRACTOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

Manitoba's chiropractors are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and health for every Manitoban. As healthcare professionals, chiropractors work diligently to ensure that every man, woman, and child in the province has access to, and the opportunity to experience, the positive outcomes of chiropractic care. We provide quality healthcare with integrity, compassion, and expertise that is focused on 'Making Life Better.'

For many years, doctors of chiropractic have talked with their patients about the care and function of the human frame and spinal system, long before it came into fashion. Today, over 300,000 Manitobans annually seek the care of a chiropractor.

Each and every day more and more people, professions, and organizations are embracing natural care and wellness. This enhanced understanding of health care is encouraging for chiropractors, who have long been at the forefront of a holistic approach to wellness.

<http://www.mbchiro.org/>

Chiropractors perform the following tasks:

- Examine patients
- Diagnose ailments paying special attention to the muscular, skeletal and nervous systems
- Treat patients largely by manipulating the body

Chiropractors may work in clinics or private practices.

BECOME A CHIROPRACTOR

In Canada, chiropractors require a minimum of seven years post-secondary education.

Before acceptance into a chiropractic college, students must first complete a minimum of three years of undergraduate studies. Chiropractic college involves an intensive four -year academic program in anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, pathology, orthopedics, neurology, radiology (x-ray), chiropractic technique, philosophy, public health, nutrition, disease prevention, rehabilitation and more.

Chiropractic students undergo hundreds of hours of specialized training in spinal adjustments. This extensive education and training prepares chiropractors to be skilled primary care providers.

To ensure that graduating doctors of chiropractic are equipped with the highest level of skill and clinical experience, Chiropractor's training involves several hundred hours of internship in which they care for patients in outpatient clinics under the supervision of experienced clinicians. Once in practice, continued competency is maintained through ongoing continuing education.

After they successfully complete this education process, chiropractors in Manitoba must register with the MCA to practice in the province of Manitoba. They must meet the MCA registration requirements including passing national CCEB board exams. To maintain their registration and license, chiropractors must also remain active MCA members and maintain their professional competency.

The vast majority of Chiropractors in Manitoba work solo in their own clinic or with an associate.

http://www.mbchiro.org/about_chiro/become.html

AVERAGE SALARY

\$63,000/Year

RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

- Senior 4
- Chemistry 40S
- Physics 40S
- 40S or French 40S
- Biology 40S or 40G

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TRAINING & EDUCATION ROUTES

There are two schools of Chiropractic in Canada:

- **Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC)**, in Toronto, Ontario
- **Universite du Quebec a Trois Rivieres**, in Trois Rivieres, Quebec.

Both programs are fully accredited by the Canadian Federation of Chiropractic Regulatory and Educational Accrediting Boards. Canadian Chiropractic students undergo a course of study similar to that of other doctoral-level health care professionals, including medicine, optometry and dentistry and have similar entrance requirements. Students are required to complete a minimum of three years of university before they are eligible for admission to the CMCC Doctorate of Chiropractic Degree program. The majority of students entering the CMCC program have completed a baccalaureate university degree, and approximately 7% have a graduate degree. The CMCC program is a privately funded institution and requires four years of full-time study, including a 12-month clinical internship. The UQTR and CMCC programs both include courses in anatomy, biochemistry, embryology, immunology, microbiology, neurology, clinical nutrition, pathology, physiology, principles of chiropractic, radiology, and other basic and clinical medical sciences.

Visit the following link for more information on the pre-chiropractic program at the University of Winnipeg.

<https://uwinnipeg.ca/factsheets/docs/factsheet-pre-chiropractic.pdf>

ABOUT THE INDUSTRY

As the public becomes more aware of the benefits associated with alternate forms of treatment and care, philosophies established by chiropractors over 100 years ago have become more prevalent. Chiropractic care is a primary health care choice as determined by the Manitoba government which means that patients do not need a medical referral to choose to see a chiropractor.

The chiropractic approach to treating patients – by addressing the problem and not just the symptom and by finding non-invasive and drug free solutions to the problem – has become increasingly popular throughout Canada.

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LINKS TO SITES

Manitoba Chiropractor's Association (MCA)

www.mbchiro.org

Canadian Chiropractic Association (CCA)

www.ccachiro.org

Student Canadian Chiropractic Association (SCCA)

www.scca.ca

Universite du Quebec a Trois Rivieres,

<http://www.uqtr.ca/informationgenerale/english.shtml>

Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board (CCEB)

www.cceb.ca

Canadian Memorial Chiropractor College

<https://www.cmcc.ca/>

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