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What type of education do Chiropractic Doctors get?

Today's Doctor of Chiropractic is well educated. Chiropractors are trained every bit as well as dentists and medical doctors for their particular field of expertise. After undergraduate studies, today's chiropractic doctor completes an additional four year curriculum of about 4,500 classroom hours of health sciences.

The science of chiropractic requires a special emphasis on anatomy, physiology, pathology, neurology, biomechanics, X-ray, spinal adjusting techniques and related subjects. This demanding curriculum prepares chiropractic doctors to locate the Vertebral Subluxation Complex and help correct the resulting nervous system dysfunction. This training also prepares the chiropractor to recognize when a patient may need referral to other health care professionals.

To graduate with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree, each candidate passes a demanding set of National Board Examinations. Then, doctors apply to a provincial governmental or professional licensing board, and have to pass a still more difficult test before being granted the privilege to practice.

A chiropractic education never ends. Most doctors complete postgraduate instruction for license renewal and to stay current on the latest scientific research. As you can see, doctors of chiropractic are highly trained professionals concerned with optimum health and human function, more specifically the function of the spine.

A comparison of course classroom hours usually quietens those critics who argue that chiropractors are not well trained. Chiropractors use the same medical text books and in some jurisdictions sit side by side with medical doctors when writing basic science board exams as is the case in New York state.

Chiropractic	Subject	Medicine
540	Anatomy	508
240	Physiology	326
360	Pathology	401
165	Chemistry	325
120	Microbiology	114
630	Diagnosis	324
320	Neurology	112

360	X-ray	148
60	Psychiatry	144
60	Obstetrics	148
210	Orthopaedics	156
2,887	TOTAL HOURS	2,706

OTHER REQUIRED SUBJECTS

Chiropractic	Medicine
Spinal Adjustments	Pharmacology
Nutrition	Immunology
Advanced Radiology	General Surgery

GRAND TOTAL CLASS HOURS

Chiropractic	4,485	Medicine	4,248
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