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Pre-Chiropractic

In order to become a chiropractor, you must:

- complete a bachelor's degree (in any major) *WCU Undergraduate Major Options*
  note: *not all chiropractic schools require completion of a bachelors degree for program entry, some only require 90 semester hours of undergraduate study*
- take the appropriate prerequisite coursework *Academic requirements by program*
- obtain shadowing or clinical experience *(optional but suggested)*
- apply directly to all programs of interest *(there is no centralized application system)*
- complete a Doctor of Chiropractic degree (D.C.) from an accredited chiropractic school *List of programs*

What should I major in?

While there is no prescribed major for admission into a chiropractic school, it is imperative that students complete all required courses for admission. Chiropractic programs vary significantly in their requirements, and it is important for you to learn what coursework the schools that interest you want. Students should choose their major according to their strengths, interests and alternative career choices.

24 Semester hours total in Life and Physical Sciences: *Course suggestions are below, 12 of the 24 hours should have a substantive laboratory component*

BIOL 150, BIOL 151, BIOL 291, BIOL 292

General Bio. I, General Bio. II, Human Anat. & Phys. I, Human Anat. & Phys. II

CHEM 139, CHEM 140, CHEM 241, BIOL/CHEM 361

General Chemistry I, General Chemistry II, Organic Chemistry I, Principles of Biochemistry

PHYS 130, PHYS 131

Introductory Physics I, Introductory Physics II

WHO CAN HELP ME AT WCU?

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