Students prepare for entry to a Chiropractic graduate program by obtaining a baccalaureate degree, completing the prerequisite course work for entry into specific programs, and by obtaining a volunteer clinical experience under the direction of a chiropractor. Students may complete undergraduate degrees in any area.

Information about the field can be obtained from the American Chiropractic Association website www.acatoday.org. Specific information on degree programs can be obtained from listings at www.acatoday.org/level1_css.cfm?T1ID=22

Most programs base their requirements for admission on the prerequisites established by The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE). These standards have been used in the plan of study listed below. Students are encouraged to review prerequisite courses for programs they wish to be qualified for, early in their academic planning to determine if they deviate from these requirements, and to develop a plan of study within the first quarter of entry to Western.

Pre-Chiropractic is not a major at WWU.

Program Advice:

Freshman/Sophomore Years:

- Meet with a Pre-Chiropractic advisor to complete a plan of study.
- Complete\(^1\):

**Sciences:** A minimum of **36 quarter units** in life and physical science courses (at least half of these courses must have a substantive lab component).

**Preparation for “recommended” courses:**

- MATH 114 (as pre-req for Chem 121) (see GUR note\(^2\)).
- MATH 115 (as pre-req if Physics 114 is to be done).

**Recommended courses: (WWU course equivalencies)(pre-requisite)**

- Chemistry (CHEM 121(5) lab (pre-requisite: MATH 114), 122(5) lab, 123(4) lab) (see GUR note\(^3\))
- Cell & Molecular Biology (BIOL 205(5) lab) (pre-requisite: BIOL 204(4) lab, pre-requisite: Chem 121) (see GUR note\(^4\))

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\(^1\) These requirements meet the Jan 2013 requirements for Life Chiropractic College West, Palmer College of Chiropractic, University of Western States Chiropractic Program, and some other programs. **NOTE: OTHER SCHOOLS MAY HAVE DIFFERENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.** E.G., Texas Chiropractic College has a specific set of science classes that must be taken, as follows:

- **Biological Sciences:** nine quarter hours. General biology, anatomy & physiology preferred, must include laboratory.
- **General Inorganic Chemistry:** nine quarter hours, must include laboratory.
- **Organic Chemistry:** nine quarter hours, must include laboratory.
- **General Physics:** nine quarter hours, including laboratory.
- **English or Communications Skills:** nine quarter hours.
- **Psychology:** five quarter hours.
- **Social Sciences/Humanities Electives:** 23 quarter hours.

\(^2\) Math 114 fulfills QSR GUR requirement.
\(^3\) Chemistry 121, 122, 123 fulfill the Natural Sciences GUR requirement.

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- Microbiology (BIOL 245(5) lab) (pre-requisite: BIOL 205 or 101)
- Biochemistry (CHEM 375(4) (pre-requisite: CHEM 251(5) lab)
- Physics (PHYSICS 114(5), 115(5) lab, 116(5) lab) (pre-requisite: MATH 115) (see GUR note 5)
- Anatomy & Physiology I and II (BIOL 348(5), BIOL 349(5)) (pre-requisite: BIOL 205 or 101) (see warning below 6)
- The following “recommended” classes are only available to Kinesiology majors.
  - Biomechanics (KIN 311(5) lab)
  - Exercise Physiology (Kin 413(5) lab)
  - Functional Anatomy (KIN 312(5) lab)
- The following “recommended” class is only available to Community Health and Kinesiology majors.
  - Nutrition (HLED 350(3)) (pre-requisite: BIOL 101 or 205 or CHEM 115 or Chem 121)

Also accepted, but not limited to: (WWU course equivalencies)(pre-requisite)
- Elementary Organic Chemistry (CHEM 251(5) lab) (pre-requisite: Chem 121)
- Organic Chemistry (CHEM 351(4) (pre-requisite: CHEM 123), 352(4), 353(4), 354(2) lab, 356(2) lab)
- Statistics (MATH 240(4) (pre-requisite: MATH 112 or a precalculus course with a C+ or better from an accredited college), KIN 307(4), BIOL 340(5)) (see GUR note 7)
- Genetics (BIOL 321(4)) (pre-requisite: BIOL 204, 205, 206)
- Astronomy (ASTR 103(4) (pre-requisite: MATH 107)) (see GUR note 8)

General Studies: No specific requirements are made of these units, schools recommend a well-rounded course of study. All coursework must be at a 100 level or above.
For example: English, Rhetoric, Philosophy, Ethics, Human Development, Psychology, Business Communication, Information Systems, Speech, Math

Junior Year:
- Work on completing:
  - Other Chiropractic program requirements 9.
  - Clinical experience hours. See your pre-chiropractic advisor for assistance setting up clinical experience hours.
  - Major requirements.

Senior Year:
- Request letters of recommendation from professors, administrators and professionals.
- Complete remaining Chiropractic program requirements.
- Complete major requirements.
- Two quarters before graduation, meet with major faculty advisor for major evaluation and apply for graduation.

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4 BIOL 204 & 205 fulfill the two Lab Natural Sciences GUR requirement.
5 PHYS 114 fulfills Science GUR requirement, PHYS 115, 116 fulfill the two Lab Natural Sciences GUR requirement.
6 Only PEHR and Biology/Anthropology majors are allowed to register for Biol 348 at WWU. Students in other majors requiring Biol 348 for professional school may be granted an override if they request one from the instructor at least three weeks prior to phase 1 of registration.
7 Math 240 fulfills QSR GUR requirement.
8 ASTR 103 contributes to fulfilling the non-lab Natural Sciences GUR requirement.
9 You must examine the requirements of Chiropractic schools you wish to qualify to apply to, and ensure you complete their requirements by discussing these requirements with your advisor so they can be included in your plan of study.