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)

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.
Please contact your major department advisor for major and graduation requirement advising.

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