

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR PROSPECTIVE CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE

Doctor of Chiropractic

Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWSU) values educational programming with a specific focus on preparing Doctors of Chiropractic for the future of integrated care. As you search for a chiropractic program to launch your professional career, consider the following questions:

1 How will this program's clinical opportunities provide me with the experience I need to be successful when I graduate?

At NWSU we offer:

- The opportunity to work alongside licensed doctors of chiropractic—observing them, assisting them and then treating patients by yourself with experienced clinicians as your mentors. By the time you graduate, you'll be well prepared for clinical practice.
- The largest Community Based Internship (CBI) program compared to other chiropractic colleges, with more than 150 opportunities. As you develop your clinical interests, we place you in a clinical setting that best fits your passion and needs. Our diverse clinical experiences provide a rich experiential learning opportunity matched by few institutions, all while maintaining a small student-to-faculty ratio.
- Clinical rotation opportunities within CBI provide interdisciplinary training opportunities such as radiology observation, surgical observation, pain management, sleep center, and more. In addition to these optional rotations, all students rotate through a facility that treats underserved populations.
- You'll start working with patients at our on-campus clinic very early in your education—during your sixth term (T6). At this stage, you will be closely supervised and mentored by our faculty clinicians throughout the entire patient care process.
- You can customize your CBI experience based on your interests, such as patient base (pediatrics, sports, geriatrics, etc.), location in the city, and type of practice (multi-provider or multi-disciplinary).
- We offer a preceptorship during T10 that you can tailor to gain additional hands-on experience while treating patients 25-40 hours per week in the U.S. and abroad.
- You'll fulfill the required minimum clinical procedures well before graduation.
- We don't require students to recruit patients. NWSU has a vast network and a well-established patient base in the Twin Cities.

2 How does this program rank nationally in Chiropractic Board Scores?

- NWSU's core educational programming effectively prepares students to successfully navigate the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) and earn their license. We rank #2 in the country based on the past four year average board scores. (Source NBCE.org)
- Faculty offer students personalized help when needed.
- The culture of the program instills within our students the seriousness of knowing the discipline (basic, clinical and chiropractic sciences) and this translates into a dedication to knowledge and understanding and becoming the very best students they can be. As a result, students are well prepared to take national boards and for their careers.



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3 Does this program offer specialties, advanced or dual degrees?

- NWHSU has a well-developed Sports Emphasis program that will set you apart from your colleagues in the treatment of athletes.
- We also have several dual degree options:
 - NWHSU offers a variety of academic college partnerships to streamline the path to degree completion saving you both time and program costs. Learn more: nwhealth.edu/admissions/academic-partnerships
 - NWHSU offers a Bachelor's of Science in Human Biology Degree Completion that you can take concurrently with the Doctor of Chiropractic program. This program allows you to complete the course requirements for a bachelor's degree.
 - Concordia MS in Exercise Science: NWHSU has partnered with Concordia University St. Paul to offer Doctor of Chiropractic Students an M.S. in Exercise Science Program.
- At NWHSU, we are committed to providing you with an integrative approach to healthcare, which will set you apart from others and prepare you for the future. An integrative approach means that in addition to being knowledgeable about other providers' scopes of practice, you will also know how to connect and work directly with them. At NWHSU, you will also have the opportunity to partner, learn and grow with students in a variety of other disciplines including:
 - Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine
 - Massage Therapy
 - Medical Assisting
 - Medical Laboratory Science
 - Medical Laboratory Technology
 - Nutrition
 - Radiation Therapy
 - Radiologic Technology
 - Sports and Human Performance Center



4 What is your chiropractic philosophy and why does this matter?

- At NWHSU, we focus on science and seek evidence to support the way we treat our patients. We do not promote any one specific chiropractic philosophy. Instead, we foster critical thinking, intellectual honesty, and evolution of both thought and practice in ourselves and others. While we honor our rich chiropractic history, we are not defined by it. Instead, we strive to create an environment for academic debate and exploration of ideas.
- We prepare chiropractic graduates to be experts in the care of neuromusculoskeletal conditions (also referred to as musculoskeletal), which encompasses muscles, bones and joints, soft tissues, and the nerves associated with those structures. Chiropractic care addresses the biomechanical, neurological, and psycho-social causes of pain and disability.
- Our graduates also excel in the areas of preventive health, well-being, performance enhancement, and collaboration with other healthcare professionals. We emphasize patient-centered care, and helping people achieve optimal health and well-being. We actively engage in research and policy to enable chiropractors to successfully serve their communities at the top of their license.



5 What are the benefits of your college's location?

- The Twin Cities is a progressive healthcare innovation hub with healthcare leaders such as Mayo Clinic, Medtronic and more based in a state ranked No. 1 for healthcare in 2019. We've cultivated partnerships with institutions in the region, giving you opportunities to make connections, gain valuable experience, and plan your future.
- The Twin Cities region consistently ranks in the top ten most livable cities in the U.S., offering restaurants, culture, hundreds of miles of biking and walking trails, and a full city experience that still maintains a feeling of community. Theater, arts, entertainment, music, food, restaurants and professional sports teams are vibrant.

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