



Health Careers In Alaska

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Chiropractor

Chiropractors are concerned with the healthy functioning of the entire body, and focus on the spinal column as a source of many illnesses. Diagnosis of a patient's health problem is done through patient interviews, physical examinations, x-ray examinations, and laboratory tests. The patient is then either treated or referred to another health care provider for further assessment.

Chiropractic treatment consists primarily of adjusting and manipulating the body, especially the spinal column. Some

chiropractors supplement adjustment with therapies involving water, light, heat, diet, exercise, and rest. Chiropractors do not use prescription drugs or surgery.

Most chiropractors are self-employed and have a general practice. Some specialize in chiropractic roentgenology (x-rays) or chiropractic orthopedics (the prevention of skeletal deformities). Other chiropractors teach or engage in professional research.

Chiropractor Facts:

Where do chiropractors work in Alaska?

Most chiropractors work in private practice or join together with other health care professionals to form a group practice. Few chiropractors can establish a full time practice in rural Alaska. Those who do are located in urban areas or regional centers and travel to outlying communities on a scheduled basis.

Educational Requirements

- Graduation from high school with a strong background in science, math, and English.
- Completion of a four-year college degree program, with coursework in biology and the sciences.
- Completion of a four-year chiropractic program. The student spends the first two years in the study of sciences, and the final two years in clinical study.
- Successful completion of a state licensing examination.
- Must pass National Board of Chiropractic Examinations (4 parts)

Hourly Wage Range:

\$33.20-\$63.61 (Mean \$47.26)

*based on 2009 Alaska DOL data

Years in School:

8 years or more (*after high school graduation*).

Academic Programs in Alaska

There are no chiropractic programs in Alaska. The closest program is in Portland, OR:

Western States Chiropractic College
2900 NE 132nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97230
Phone: (503) 256-3180
Toll free: (800) 641-5641
Fax: (503) 251-5723
Email: admissions@wschiro.edu
Web site: <http://www.wschiro.edu>

For a list of other chiropractic schools in the United States, visit: <http://www.naturalhealers.com/qa/chiropractic.html>

State Contact:

Alaska Chiropractic Society

Phone: (907) 222-2123

Email: akchirosociety@aol.com

Web site: <http://alaskachiropracticsociety.com/>

National Contact:

The American Chiropractic Association

Phone: (703) 276-8800

Email: memberinfo@acatoday.org

Web site: <http://www.amerchiro.org>

