

How much education do DCs have? Most are surprised that chiropractors take a minimum of 3 years of undergraduate courses and then 4 years of chiropractic college. The 4485 total hours in chiropractic college is about the same as in medical school. (please see chart below) Areas studied include: [physiology](#), [pathology](#), histology, chemistry, bacteriology, diagnosis, neurology, X-Ray, psychiatry, geriatrics, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, orthopedics, kinesiology and [chiropractic adjusting](#). Most chiropractors take additional seminars to improve their knowledge and adjusting skill set. The [California Board of Chiropractic Examiners](#) requires chiropractors to take 24 hours of continuing education courses each year, as well. The chiropractic profession is recognized and governed by a state board in all 50 states.

Chiropractic Education Class Hours	Subject	Medical Education Class Hours
520	Anatomy	508
420	Physiology	326
271	Pathology	335
300	Chemistry	325
114	Bacteriology	130
370	Diagnosis	374
320	Neurology	112
217	X-Ray	148
65	Psychiatry	144
65	Obstetrics & Gynecology	198
225	Orthopedics	156
2,887	TOTAL HOURS	2,756
Adjusting, Manipulation, Kinesiology, and other similar basic subjects related to their specialty.	Other required subjects for doctors of medicine/doctors of chiropractic	Pharmacology, Immunology, general surgery, and other similar basic subjects related to their specialty.
4,485	GRAND TOTAL CLASS HOURS	4,248