Transfer from Alvin Community College to Texas Chiropractic College

Doctorate of Chiropractic Degree Program

TCC and Alvin Community College

- TCC will unconditionally accept students from College of the Mainland if all requirements are met
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA)
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA on prescribed course work
- Complete 90 undergraduate credit hours, including prescribed course work

Admission Checklist

1. Complete all sections of the application for admission online at www.txchiro.edu/gotcc
2. Include appropriate nonrefundable processing fee(s) payable to Texas Chiropractic College:
   - D.C. program $50.00
   - Additional $50.00 if transferring from another chiropractic college
3. Official transcript(s) must be mailed directly from all colleges and universities attended regardless of courses or grades.
4. Foreign college and university transcripts must be properly submitted through a U.S. Department of Education approved evaluation service. The Admission Office must receive an official course-by-course evaluation of all such work directly from the service following analysis of official documents. World Education Services is preferred. They can be reached online at www.wes.org
5. Submit two letters of recommendation mailed directly to the Admission Office from the referent. PDF recommendation forms are available online. One of the recommendations should be from a Doctor of Chiropractic and the other recommendation should be from a professor or instructor that knows the applicant.
6. Submit a personal essay on why you’ve chosen a chiropractic career and why you would like to attend Texas Chiropractic College.

Application Procedures

Texas Chiropractic College's academic year consists of three terms or trimesters (Fall, Spring and Summer) with classes beginning each trimester in September, January and May. Students may apply to any of these terms. All students are reviewed on an individual basis for any one of the trimesters.

Texas Chiropractic College uses ‘rolling admission’ whereby, students are processed for admission on an individual basis for any trimester. Prerequisite requirements do not have to be completed in order to submit an application. Students interested in pursuing this degree must meet all prerequisite requirements before entering the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program. TCC offers a comprehensive plan of study that leads to a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Chiropractic degree, as detailed in the course catalog.
What is Chiropractic?

- Chiropractors, also known as doctors of chiropractic or chiropractic physicians, diagnose and treat patients with health problems of the musculoskeletal system and treat the effects of those problems on the nervous system and on general health. Many chiropractic treatments deal specifically with the spine and the manipulation of the spine. Chiropractic is based on the principle that spinal joint misalignments interfere with the nervous system and can result in lower resistance to disease and many different conditions of diminished health.

- The chiropractic approach to healthcare focuses on the patient's overall health. Chiropractors provide natural, drugless, nonsurgical health treatments, relying on the body's inherent recuperative abilities. They also recognize that many factors affect health, including exercise, diet, rest, environment, and heredity. Chiropractors recommend changes in lifestyle that affect those factors.

- Chiropractors follow a standard routine to get information needed to diagnose and treat patients. They take the patient's health history; conduct physical, neurological, and orthopedic examinations; and may order laboratory tests. X rays and other diagnostic images are important tools because of the chiropractor's emphasis on the spine and its proper function. Chiropractors also analyze the patient's posture and spine using a specialized technique. For patients whose health problems can be traced to the musculoskeletal system, chiropractors manually adjust the spinal column.

- Some chiropractors use additional procedures in their practices, including therapies using heat, water, light, massage, ultrasound, electric currents, and acupuncture. Chiropractors often counsel patients about health concepts such as nutrition, exercise, changes in lifestyle, and stress management, but chiropractors do not prescribe drugs or perform surgery.

- In addition to general chiropractic practice, some chiropractors specialize in sports injuries, neurology, orthopedics, pediatrics, nutrition, internal disorders, or diagnostic imaging.

- Employment of chiropractors is expected to increase 20 percent between 2008 and 2018, much faster than the average for all occupations. Projected job growth stems from increasing consumer demand for alternative healthcare. Because chiropractors emphasize the importance of healthy lifestyles and do not prescribe drugs or perform surgery, chiropractic care is appealing to many health-conscious Americans.

- In 2009, the mean salary for chiropractors was $94,454 according to a survey conducted by Chiropractic Economics magazine.