

# PARKER UNIVERSITY

## DOCTORATE CHIROPRACTIC

Parker University is a nonprofit, regionally accredited university that offers a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree through its flagship College of Chiropractic. The intensive, graduate level program educates students in the theory and practice of chiropractic care as well as the business tools necessary to operate a modern chiropractic clinic.

Parker's Doctor of Chiropractic program prepares students to serve as trusted health and wellness professionals. With a mission to "educate individuals in chiropractic wellness to be leaders in education, research, and service as primary care physicians and gatekeepers for direct access to the health delivery system," Parker's College of Chiropractic graduates professionals who serve their communities by providing conservative, functional care, including lifestyle and behavioral approaches that prevent illness and disability.

### **PARKER'S DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC PROGRAM CONSISTS OF:**

- ▶ 3 year, 4-month program
- ▶ 177 credit hours of major core courses
- ▶ Final year of program entirely in clinical settings

### **PARKER'S DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC PROGRAM PREPARES ITS GRADUATES TO:**

- ▶ Correctly assess and diagnose a wide spectrum of patients and ailments through chiropractic care;
- ▶ Develop appropriate evidence-based treatment plans, manage patient health care needs, and co-manage business roles in an interdisciplinary environment;
- ▶ Evaluate, conduct, and integrate health promotion and disease prevention into the clinical practice of chiropractic;
- ▶ Demonstrate competence in oral, written, and nonverbal communication as it relates to other health care providers, patients, agencies, and the public;
- ▶ Employ available resources to critically evaluate research as it applies to the chiropractic profession.



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## WHY PARKER'S DC PROGRAM?

- ▶ Hands-on clinical experience in the Parker University Chiropractic Wellness Clinics
- ▶ Community-based internships available throughout DFW and abroad
- ▶ A wide range of continuing education subjects to meet licensed DCs' needs upon graduation
- ▶ Three years free registration for Parker Seminars, the world's foremost chiropractic seminar series, upon graduation



## ACCREDITATION

Parker University's Doctor of Chiropractic degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE).



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## HOW DO CHIROPRACTORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Doctors of chiropractic are portal-of-entry providers who care for their patients through the use of spinal and extremity adjustments, therapeutic exercise and modalities, and other non-invasive approaches to keep the neuromusculoskeletal system functioning healthily. Emphasizing prevention of illness, doctors of chiropractic often also include dietary, nutritional, and other lifestyle and health behavioral advice in their practice.

## CAREER OUTLETS FOR PARKER UNIVERSITY'S DC GRADUATES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Office-based clinics
- ▶ Sports health facilities
- ▶ Senior care facilities
- ▶ Hospitals

## WHAT IS THE CAREER OUTLOOK FOR CHIROPRACTORS?



a 10-year growth of 17%<sup>1</sup>



Named by Forbes as the #8 Best Job in Health Care<sup>2</sup>

DALLAS.....	\$139,233
HOUSTON.....	\$141,451
BOSTON.....	\$158,535
CHICAGO.....	\$147,618
SAN FRANCISCO.....	\$173,760
MIAMI.....	\$138,978
NEW YORK.....	\$162,775

Median salary for chiropractors in major US cities<sup>3</sup>



*"I see integrity and love when I consider my time at Parker University. Professors truly care about and want to see their students succeed. Fortunately, they've covered my desired topics in philosophy and science and provided hands-on experience demonstrating multiple adjusting techniques. With careful preparation, I was confident and ready to see patients upon graduation and kept in touch with my mentor who is still there and one of the greatest I know!"*

- Robin Boshears-Patrick, DC, Parker University DC Alumna

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/chiropractors.htm>

<sup>2</sup> "The Best Jobs in Health Care." Forbes. Forbes Magazine, 2014

<sup>3</sup> <http://swz.salary.com/SalaryWizard/Chiropractor-Job-Description.aspx>