

**Parker University**  
**Doctor of Chiropractic Catalog 2014-2015**

**Addendum I**



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## Doctor of Chiropractic Program Admission Requirements

Consistent with its goal to be a renowned and selective Doctor of Chiropractic degree program, Parker University College of Chiropractic seeks to admit those students whose prerequisite coursework, co-curricular and service activities, as well as life and professional experience, have prepared them to successfully complete the program and contribute meaningfully to the well-being of the public and the profession.

While completion of a bachelor's degree is not a requirement for admission, some states require a bachelor's degree as a condition of licensure. Parker University offers a Bachelor of Science in Anatomy and Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness which eligible students can complete concurrently with the Doctor of Chiropractic degree. Prospective students should familiarize themselves with the licensure requirements of the states in which they intend to practice by visiting [www.fclb.org](http://www.fclb.org).

In accordance with the requirements of the Council on Chiropractic Education, the minimum standards for admission to the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program include the following.

1. **90 hours** of undergraduate level coursework with a minimum **3.0 GPA** from an institution accredited by the US Department of Education or an equivalent foreign agency. The applicant must receive a grade of at least a C (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) for a class to count toward the requirements.
2. **24 semester** hours of life and physical sciences (within the 90 hours), at least **half** of these courses with a substantive laboratory component.
  - a. Parker requires at least one course in each of the following as part of this 24 hours.
    - i. General Biology (Parker will also accept courses in the following subject areas to fulfill this requirement – Anatomy, Physiology, Cell Biology, Microbiology, Human Biology, Zoology)
    - ii. General Chemistry
  - b. The remainder of the 24 hour requirement may be satisfied by a combination of courses in the life and physical sciences. Courses in the following subject areas may be helpful in preparing students to succeed in the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program.
    - i. Biomechanics
    - ii. Kinesiology
    - iii. College Algebra
    - iv. Statistics
    - v. Organic Chemistry
    - vi. Physics

3. Courses in the humanities and social sciences (within the 90 hours) that provide a well-rounded general education background.
  - a. Parker recommends courses in one or more of the following subjects be among those used to satisfy this prerequisite.
    - i. English 101 or 102
    - ii. Psychology
    - iii. Communications
    - iv. Social Sciences
    - v. Business
4. Applicants may, at the discretion of the Admissions Committee, be required to appear for an interview or pre-admittance examination.

#### Alternative Admissions Track Plan

Students who do not meet the minimum standards for admission to the College of Chiropractic, but have at least a 2.75 GPA for 90 hours of acceptable undergraduate coursework, may be eligible for an Alternative Admissions Track Plan (AATP). Such applicants should contact the Office of Admissions for further information. Students admitted as AATP will be provided with individualized academic plans that may include, but are not limited to, any one or more of the following: reduced course loads, required tutoring, assigned mentors, and regular progress monitoring. AATP students take the Chiropractic College Aptitude Test (CCAT).