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# ALABAMA

<http://chiro.alabama.gov/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Each applicant shall be a graduate of a chartered chiropractic school or college accredited by the council of chiropractic education which teaches only attendance courses and requires a minimum four-year standard college course.

An applicant for licensure who graduated from chiropractic college after January 1, 2010, shall have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Absent a bachelor's degree, the requirement may be met by an academic graduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and proof that the applicant has taken a nationally recognized standardized test commensurate with that applicant's graduate degree.

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## Exams:

AL Law and Rule, plus: National Board Examination. Each applicant who matriculated into chiropractic college after January 1, 1973, must pass one of the following combinations of examination:

1. NBCE I, II, III & IV
  2. NBCE I, II and SPEC
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## Scope of Practice:

Section 34-24-120

"Chiropractic" defined; authority of licensed chiropractor.

(a) The term "chiropractic," when used in this article, is hereby defined as the science and art of locating and removing without the use of drugs or surgery any interference with the transmission and expression of nerve energy in the human body by any means or methods as taught in schools or colleges of chiropractic which are recognized by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(b) Any chiropractor who has been certified and licensed by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may examine, analyze, and diagnose the human body and its diseases by the use of any physical, clinical, thermal, or radonic method, and the use of X-ray diagnosing, and may use any other general method of examination for diagnosis and analysis taught in any school of chiropractic recognized by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(c) Chiropractors certified and licensed by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may practice chiropractic as set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section and may also recommend the use of foods and concentrates, food extracts, and may apply first aid and hygiene, but chiropractors are expressly prohibited from prescribing or administering to any person any drugs included in materia medica, except as herein provided, from performing any surgery, from practicing obstetrics or from giving X-ray treatments or treatments involving the use of radioactive materials of any description.

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## Notes:

Accepts Physiotherapy for certification in NBCE Physiotherapy

# ALASKA

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofChiropracticExaminers.aspx>  
License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

graduate of a school or college of chiropractic that

(A) is accredited by or a candidate for accreditation by the Council on Chiropractic Education or a successor accrediting agency recognized by the board; or

(B) if an accrediting agency under (A) of this paragraph does not exist, requires the completion of a minimum of 4,000 hours of formal education and training in order to graduate, including

(i) 150 hours of chiropractic philosophy or principles;

(ii) 1200 hours of basic sciences, including anatomy, chemistry, physiology, and pathology;

(iii) 1400 hours of preclinical technique, including diagnosis, chiropractic technique, and x-rays; and

(iv) 700 hours of clinical training;

AND completes 120 hours of formal training in physiological therapeutics;

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## Exams:

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) scores indicating passage of Parts I, II, III, IV, and physiotherapy examinations (with a minimum score of 375). An applicant who has been in the active practice of chiropractic for the past five continuous years may substitute passage of the Special Purposes Examination of Chiropractic (SPEC) for the Part III examination.

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## Scope of Practice:

A person licensed under this chapter may

(1) analyze, diagnose, or treat the chiropractic condition of a patient by chiropractic core methodology or by ancillary methodology;

(2) accept referrals for treatment by chiropractic core methodology or by ancillary methodology;

(3) consult on chiropractic matters;

(4) refer patients to other health care professionals;

(5) perform, within the scope of chiropractic practice, physical examinations of children for school physical examinations and preparticipation physical examinations for sports and school activities;

(6) sign

(A) reports for excuses from employment and from attendance at school or participation in sports activities; and

(B) authorizations for sick leave;

(7) perform preemployment and workplace health examinations;

(8) provide disability and physical impairment ratings;

(9) provide retirement health and disability authorizations and recommendations;

(10) employ nationally certified chiropractic clinical assistants; and

(11) employ chiropractic interns and chiropractic preceptors.

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## Notes:

# ARIZONA

<https://chiroboard.az.gov/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Graduate chiropractic college that is both: accredited by or has status with the council on chiropractic education or is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education or the council on postsecondary accreditation. AND Teaches a resident course of four years of not less than nine months each year, or the equivalent of thirty-six months of continuous study, and that comprises not less than four thousand credit hours of resident study required to receive a degree of doctor of chiropractic (D.C.).

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## Exams:

Completed Parts I - IV of NBCE, with a score of 375 or better.

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## Scope of Practice:

A. A doctor of chiropractic is a portal of entry health care provider who engages in the practice of health care that includes:

1. The diagnosis and correction of subluxations, functional vertebral or articular dysarthrosis or neuromuscular skeletal disorders for the restoration and maintenance of health.
2. Physical and clinical examinations, diagnostic x-rays and clinical laboratory procedures that are limited to urine collection, finger pricks or venipuncture in order to determine the propriety of a regimen of chiropractic care or to form a basis for referral of patients to other licensed health care professionals, or both.
3. Treatment by:
  - (a) Physical medicine modalities, therapeutic procedures and adjustment of the spine or bodily articulations.
  - (b) Procedures related to the correction of subluxations and neuromuscular skeletal disorders.
  - (c) Prescription of orthopedic supports.
  - (d) Acupuncture.

B. A doctor of chiropractic licensed under this chapter shall not prescribe or administer medicine or drugs, perform surgery or practice obstetrics.

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## Notes:

# ARKANSAS

<http://www.arkansas.gov/asbce/index.html>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

(a) To qualify for licensure, an applicant shall:

- Have successfully completed not less than a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours of college education, to include a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours in the field of science;
- Possess a valid “doctor of chiropractic” degree from a chiropractic institution whose requirements include a course of instruction of not fewer than four (4) years of nine (9) academic months each or not fewer than four thousand four hundred (4,400) fifty-minute resident class hours and include one hundred twenty (120) classroom hours of physiological therapeutics;

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## Exams:

- Possess a valid National Board of Chiropractic Examiners certificate, to include Parts I, II, III, and IV (min score 375) and the physiological therapeutics section;

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## Scope of Practice:

(A) “Practice of chiropractic” means the engagement in the diagnosis and analysis of any interference with normal nerve transmission and expression, and the procedure preparatory to and complementary to the correction thereof by an adjustment of the articulations of the vertebral column, its immediate articulations, including spinal adjustments, spinal manipulations, and spinal mobilizations, such as any type of pressure, force, thrust, or passive movement, singular or plural, applied to the spinal vertebrae or their adjacent articulations by hand or mechanical device or by other incidental adjustments, for the restoration and maintenance of health. The practice of chiropractic includes therapy, the normal regimen, and rehabilitation of the patient for the purpose of removing any injury, deformity, or abnormality of human beings without the use of drugs or surgery.

(B) The practice of chiropractic, as authorized under the provisions of this chapter, shall not include the performance of the duties of a midwife or obstetrician, therapy by the use of ionizing radiation, incisive surgery, prescribing for or administering to any person any drug to be taken internally, or puncturing the skin for the purpose of introducing any substance into the body. Nothing herein shall prevent puncturing the skin for routine blood analysis, including red blood count, white blood count, differential and serology, in the practice of chiropractic for diagnostic purposes; and

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## Notes:

# CALIFORNIA

<https://www.chiro.ca.gov/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Graduation from an approved education program Programs are approved by the board, criteria for approval can be found: [https://www.chiro.ca.gov/laws\\_regs/regulations.pdf](https://www.chiro.ca.gov/laws_regs/regulations.pdf) (See page 25) . Current approved schools are: [https://www.chiro.ca.gov/applicants/approved\\_colleges.shtml](https://www.chiro.ca.gov/applicants/approved_colleges.shtml) .

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## Exams:

CA law exam, and National Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Parts I, II, III, IV, and Physiotherapy

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## Scope of Practice:

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- (1) A duly licensed chiropractor may manipulate and adjust the spinal column and other joints of the human body and in the process thereof a chiropractor may manipulate the muscle and connective tissue related thereto.
  - (2) As part of a course of chiropractic treatment, a duly licensed chiropractor may use all necessary mechanical, hygienic, and sanitary measures incident to the care of the body, including, but not limited to, air, cold, diet, exercise, heat, light, massage, physical culture, rest, ultrasound, water, and physical therapy techniques in the course of chiropractic manipulations and/or adjustments.
  - (3) Other than as explicitly set forth in section 10(b) of the Act, a duly licensed chiropractor may treat any condition, disease, or injury in any patient, including a pregnant woman, and may diagnose, so long as such treatment or diagnosis is done in a manner consistent with chiropractic methods and techniques and so long as such methods and treatment do not constitute the practice of medicine by exceeding the legal scope of chiropractic practice as set forth in this section.
  - (4) A chiropractic license issued in the State of California does not authorize the holder thereof:
    - (A) to practice surgery or to sever or penetrate tissues of human beings, including, but not limited to severing the umbilical cord;
    - (B) to deliver a human child or practice obstetrics;
    - (C) to practice dentistry;
    - (D) to practice optometry;
    - (E) to use any drug or medicine included in materia medica;
    - (F) to use a lithotripter;
    - (G) to use ultrasound on a fetus for either diagnostic or treatment purposes; or
    - (H) to perform a mammography.
  - (5) A duly licensed chiropractor may employ the use of vitamins, food supplements, foods for special dietary use, or proprietary medicines, if the above substances are also included in section 4057 of the Business and Professions Code, so long as such substances are not included in materia medica as defined in section 13 of the Business and Professions Code. The use of such substances by a licensed chiropractor in the treatment of illness or injury must be within the scope of the practice of chiropractic as defined in section 7 of the Act.
  - (6) Except as specifically provided in section 302(a)(4), a duly licensed chiropractor may make use of X-ray and thermography equipment for the purposes of diagnosis but not for the purposes of treatment. A duly licensed chiropractor may make use of diagnostic ultrasound equipment for the purposes of neuromuscular skeletal diagnosis.
  - (7) A duly licensed chiropractor may only practice or attempt to practice or hold himself or herself out as practicing a system of chiropractic. A duly licensed chiropractor may also advertise the use of the modalities authorized by this section as a part of a course of chiropractic treatment, but is not required to use all of the diagnostic and treatment modalities set forth in this section. A chiropractor may not hold himself or herself out as being licensed as anything other than a chiropractor or as holding any other healing arts license or as practicing physical therapy or use the term “physical therapy” in advertising unless he or she holds another such license.
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## Notes:

# COLORADO

<https://dpo.colorado.gov/Chiropractic>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Graduation from an approved chiropractic school or college that teaches a course of not less than four thousand resident classroom hours in a period of four academic years. All applicants for licensure who matriculate in a chiropractic school or college shall present evidence of having graduated from a chiropractic school or college having status with the commission on accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education, or its successor, or from a chiropractic school or college that meets equivalent standards

To receive an Electrotherapy/Physiotherapy authority and, if yes, provide one of the following:

- Document 120 classroom hours of related education from an approved school or program
  - Upload a passing score for a nationally recognized examination
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## Exams:

NBCE: Parts I, 2, 3, and 4. See Qualifications for Physiotherapy information.

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## Scope of Practice:

"Chiropractic" means that branch of the healing arts that is based on the premise that disease is attributable to the abnormal functioning of the human nervous system. It includes the diagnosing and analyzing of human ailments and seeks the elimination of the abnormal functioning of the human nervous system by the adjustment or manipulation, by hand or instrument, of the articulations and adjacent tissue of the human body, particularly the spinal column, and the use as indicated of procedures that facilitate the adjustment or manipulation and make it more effective and the use of sanitary, hygienic, nutritional, and physical remedial measures for the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health, the prevention of disease, and the treatment of human ailments. "Chiropractic" includes the use of venipuncture for diagnostic purposes. "Chiropractic" does not include colonic irrigation therapy. "Chiropractic" includes treatment by acupuncture when performed by an appropriately trained chiropractor as determined by the Colorado state board of chiropractic examiners. Nothing in this section shall apply to persons using acupuncture not licensed by the board.

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## Notes:

# CONNECTICUT

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/State-Board-of-Chiropractic-Examiners/State-Board-of-Chiropractic-Examiners>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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**Qualifications:**

Completed at least sixty (60) semester hours of pre-professional college education;

Graduated from a college of chiropractic accredited, at the time of graduation, by the Council on Chiropractic Education;

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**Exams:**

NBCE: Completed Parts I, II, III, IV and the Physiotherapy examinations

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**Scope of Practice:**

The practice of chiropractic means the practice of that branch of the healing arts consisting of the science of adjustment, manipulation and treatment of the human body in which vertebral subluxations and other malpositioned articulations and structures that may interfere with the normal generation, transmission and expression of nerve impulse between the brain, organs and tissue cells of the body, which may be a cause of disease, are adjusted, manipulated or treated.

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**Notes:**

# DELAWARE

<https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/chiropractic/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Has received a degree of “Doctor of Chiropractic” from a school or college fully accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;

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## Exams:

NBCE: Completed Parts I, II, III, IV and the Physiotherapy examinations

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## Scope of Practice:

- (a) “Chiropractic” means a drugless system of health care based on the principle that interference with the transmission of nerve impulses may cause disease.
  - (b) The practice of chiropractic includes, but is not limited to, the diagnosing and locating of misaligned or displaced vertebrae (subluxation complex), using x-rays and other diagnostic test procedures. The practice includes the use of telemedicine and may also include the practice of and participation in telehealth, as further defined in regulation which may not require the use of technology requiring visual communication. Practice of chiropractic includes the treatment through manipulation/adjustment of the spine and other skeletal structures and the use of adjunctive procedures not otherwise prohibited by this chapter.
  - (c) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the practice of chiropractic does not include the use of drugs, surgery or obstetrical or gynecological examinations or treatment.
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## Notes:

# FLORIDA

<https://floridaschiropracticmedicine.gov/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Have graduated from a chiropractic college that is accredited by or has status with the Council on Chiropractic Education or its predecessor agency.

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## Exams:

Successfully complete the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners certification examination in Parts I, II, III, and IV, and the physiotherapy examination, in addition to the Florida Laws and Rules Examination\*,

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## Scope of Practice:

(9)(a) "Practice of chiropractic medicine" means a noncombative principle and practice consisting of the science, philosophy, and art of the adjustment, manipulation, and treatment of the human body in which vertebral subluxations and other malpositioned articulations and structures that are interfering with the normal generation, transmission, and expression of nerve impulse between the brain, organs, and tissue cells of the body, thereby causing disease, are adjusted, manipulated, or treated, thus restoring the normal flow of nerve impulse which produces normal function and consequent health by chiropractic physicians using specific chiropractic adjustment or manipulation techniques taught in chiropractic colleges accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education. No person other than a licensed chiropractic physician may render chiropractic services, chiropractic adjustments, or chiropractic manipulations.

(b) Any chiropractic physician who has complied with the provisions of this chapter may examine, analyze, and diagnose the human living body and its diseases by the use of any physical, chemical, electrical, or thermal method; use the X ray for diagnosing; phlebotomize; and use any other general method of examination for diagnosis and analysis taught in any school of chiropractic.

(c)1. Chiropractic physicians may adjust, manipulate, or treat the human body by manual, mechanical, electrical, or natural methods; by the use of physical means or physiotherapy, including light, heat, water, or exercise; by the use of acupuncture; or by the administration of foods, food concentrates, food extracts, and items for which a prescription is not required and may apply first aid and hygiene, but chiropractic physicians are expressly prohibited from prescribing or administering to any person any legend drug except as authorized under subparagraph 2., from performing any surgery except as stated herein, or from practicing obstetrics.

2. Notwithstanding the prohibition against prescribing and administering legend drugs under subparagraph 1. or s. 499.83(2)(c), pursuant to board rule chiropractic physicians may order, store, and administer, for emergency purposes only at the chiropractic physician's office or place of business, prescription medical oxygen and may also order, store, and administer the following topical anesthetics in aerosol form:

a. Any solution consisting of 25 percent ethylchloride and 75 percent dichlorodifluoromethane.

b. Any solution consisting of 15 percent dichlorodifluoromethane and 85 percent trichloromonofluoromethane.

However, this paragraph does not authorize a chiropractic physician to prescribe medical oxygen as defined in chapter 499.

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## Notes:

# GEORGIA

<https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/14>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Have graduated from a CCE approved chiropractic school or college.

Modalities Certification: Pursuant to Georgia law – documentation of 120 hours of physiotherapy coursework in order to issue the certification.

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## Exams:

NATIONAL BOARD SCORES – I, II, III, and IV

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## Scope of Practice:

"Chiropractic" means the adjustment of the articulations of the human body, including ilium, sacrum, and coccyx, and the use of X-ray, provided that the X-ray shall not be used for therapeutical purposes. The term "chiropractic" shall also mean that separate and distinct branch of the healing arts whose science and art utilize the inherent recuperative powers of the body and the relationship between the musculoskeletal structures and functions of the body, particularly of the spinal column and the nervous system, in the restoration and maintenance of health. Chiropractic is a learned profession which teaches that the relationship between structure and function in the human body is a significant health factor and that such relationships between the spinal column and the nervous system are most significant, since the normal transmission and expression of nerve energy are essential to the restoration and maintenance of health. However, the term "chiropractic" shall not include the use of drugs or surgery. The adjustment referred to in this paragraph and subsection (b) of Code Section 43-9-16 may only be administered by a doctor of chiropractic authorized to do so by the provisions of this chapter; provided, however, that the provisions of this Code section shall not prevent any other health care provider from administering techniques authorized within their scope of practice.

"Practice of chiropractic" shall also include peer review which is defined as the procedure by which chiropractors licensed in the state of Georgia evaluate the quality and efficiency of services ordered or performed by other chiropractors, including but not limited to practice analysis, audit, claims review, underwriting assistance, utilization review, and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

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## Notes:

# HAWAII

<https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/chiropractor/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Each applicant shall furnish proof of having acquired a minimum of sixty semester hours, or equivalent, of college credit leading toward a baccalaureate degree at an institution or institutions accredited at the college level by an accrediting body that has been listed as nationally recognized by the USDOE.

AND: Graduation from a chiropractic college accredited by, or recognized as a candidate for accreditation, by any chiropractic accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. SCASA accreditation accepted for those graduating while SCASA was recognized by the USDE. (Before 6/04/93) Exemption: those who matriculated in any chiropractic college prior to 10/15/84.

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## Exams:

One of the following requirements shall be licensed:

- (1) Successful completion of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners parts I, II, III, IV, and physiotherapy;
  - (2) Successful completion of National Board of Chiropractic Examiners parts I, II, III, physiotherapy, and Special Purposes Examination and evidence of licensure in good standing under the laws of another state or states after December 31, 1988; or
  - (3) Successful completion of National Board of Chiropractic Examiners parts I, II, physiotherapy, and Special Purposes Examination and evidence of licensure in good standing under the laws of another state or states prior to January 1, 1989.
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## Scope of Practice:

Chiropractic defined. Chiropractic is defined to be the science of palpating and adjusting the articulations of the human spinal column by hand; provided that the practice of chiropractic as contemplated and set forth in this chapter may include the use of necessary patient evaluation and management procedures of the human spinal column, hot or cold packs, whirlpool, therapeutic and rehabilitative exercise, traction, electrical and electromechanical stimulation, therapeutic ultrasound, myofascial release, diathermy, infrared, and chiropractic spinal manipulative treatment and extra spinal evaluations for the diagnosis and treatment of neuromusculoskeletal conditions related to the human spinal column, subject to the restrictions contained in this chapter; and provided further that the practice of chiropractic as contemplated and set forth in this chapter shall not include the practice of lomilomi or massage. For the purposes of this section, spinal refers to the five spinal regions: cervical region (includes atlanto-occipital joint); thoracic region (includes costovertebral and costotransverse joint); lumbar region; sacral region; and pelvic (sacro-iliac joint) region.

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## Notes:

# IDAHO

<https://dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=CHI>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Doctor or Chiropractic from a program accredited by CCE

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## Exams:

NBCE: Completed Parts I, II, III, IV and the Physiotherapy examinations

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## Scope of Practice:

The "practice of chiropractic" means:

- (a) To investigate, examine, and diagnose for any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, or other condition; and
- (b) To apply principles or techniques of chiropractic practice as set forth in section 54-704, Idaho Code, in the prevention or treatment of any of the conditions listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection; or
- (c) To offer, undertake, attempt to do or hold oneself out as able to do any of the acts prescribed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

54-704. CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE. (1) Chiropractic practice and procedures that may be employed by physicians are as follows: the system of specific adjustment or manipulation of the articulations and tissues of the body; the investigation, examination and clinical diagnosis of conditions of the human body and the treatment of the human body by the application of manipulative, manual, mechanical, physiotherapeutic or clinical nutritional methods and may include the use of diagnostic X-rays.

(2) As used in this section:

- (a) "Adjustment" means the application of a precisely controlled force applied by hand or by mechanical device to a specific focal point on the anatomy for the express purpose of creating a desired angular movement in skeletal joint structures in order to eliminate or decrease interference with neural transmission and correct or attempt to correct subluxation complex; "chiropractic adjustment" utilizes, as appropriate, short-lever force, high-velocity force, short-amplitude force, or specific line-of-correction force to achieve the desired angular movement, as well as low-force neuromuscular, neurovascular, neuro-cranial, or neuro-lymphatic reflex technique procedures.
- (b) "Manipulation" means an application of a resistive movement by applying a nonspecific force without the use of a thrust that is directed into a region and not into a focal point of the anatomy for the general purpose of restoring movement and reducing fixation.
- (c) "Massage therapy," also called massology, means the systematic manual or mechanical mobilization of the soft tissue of the body by such movements as rubbing, kneading, pressing, rolling, slapping and tapping for the purpose of promoting circulation of the blood and lymph, relaxation of muscles, release from pain, restoration of metabolic balance, and the other benefits both physical and mental.

(3) Nothing herein contained shall allow a physician to:

- (a) Perform surgical operations or practice obstetrics; or
- (b) Prescribe, dispense, independently administer, distribute, or direct to a patient a drug, substance or product that:
  - (i) Under federal law is required, prior to being dispensed or delivered, to be labeled with any of the following statements:
    1. "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription";
    2. "Rx only"; or
    3. "Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian"; or
  - (ii) Is required by any applicable federal or state law, rule or regulation to be dispensed on prescription only or prescription drug order only, or is restricted to use by practitioners only.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, a chiropractic physician certified in clinical nutrition may independently administer prescription drug products as provided in section 54-716, Idaho Code.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, a chiropractic physician certified in clinical nutrition may issue a prescription for drug products provided in section 54-716, Idaho Code, to be:

- (a) Dispensed by an Idaho licensed pharmacy;
- (b) Delivered directly to the prescribing chiropractic physician's office; and
- (c) Administered directly to the patient in the prescribing chiropractic physician's office.

(6) Chiropractic practice, as herein defined, is hereby declared not to be the practice of medicine within the meaning of the laws of the state of Idaho defining the same, and physicians licensed pursuant to this chapter shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code, nor liable to any prosecution thereunder, when acting within the scope of practice as defined in this chapter.

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Notes:

# ILLINOIS

<https://www.idfpr.com/profs/chiropractor.asp>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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**Qualifications:**

Graduation with a Doctor of Chiropractic from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council of Chiropractic Education or its successor

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**Exams:**

NBCE: Parts I, 2, 3, and 4.

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**Scope of Practice:**

"Chiropractic physician" means a person licensed to treat human ailments without the use of drugs and without operative surgery. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit a chiropractic physician from providing advice regarding the use of non-prescription products or from administering atmospheric oxygen. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize a chiropractic physician to prescribe drugs.

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**Notes:**

# INDIANA

<https://www.in.gov/pla/2371.htm>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Be a graduate of an incorporated chiropractic school or college incorporated for the purpose of teaching the science of chiropractic. The school or college must:

(1) meet the reasonable requirements of the board; and  
(2) be accredited by the Accreditation Commission of the Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor organization; during the applicant's attendance at the accredited school or college. The board may not discriminate against a chiropractic school or college that meets these requirements.

(b) In addition to the requirements in subsection (a), an applicant for a license to practice chiropractic must have completed:

(1) for applications made before July 1, 2021, at least sixty (60) semester hours; or

(2) for applications made after June 30, 2021, at least ninety (90) semester hours;

of education in a college or university of learning accredited by an accrediting agency that has been approved by the United States Department of Education before the applicant's training and education in a chiropractic school or college.

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## Exams:

NBCE: Completed Parts I, II, III, IV and the Physiotherapy examinations

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## Scope of Practice:

(1) "Chiropractic" means the examination, diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of human ailments and conditions of any interference with normal nerve transmission and expression, the procedure preparatory to and complementary to the correction thereof by an adjustment or manipulation of the articulations of the vertebral column, its immediate articulation, including other incidental means of adjustments of the spinal column, extremities, and musculoskeletal soft tissues of the body without the use of prescription drugs or surgery.

(2) "Chiropractor" means any person who is qualified under this chapter to practice the science of chiropractic.

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## Notes:

# IOWA

<https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Chiropractic>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Graduation from a chiropractic school accredited by the CCE and approved by the board. Must also submit an official certificate of completion of 120 hours of physiotherapy from a board-approved chiropractic college. The physiotherapy course must include a practicum component.

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## Exams:

Successful completion of Parts I, II, III, IV and Physiotherapy

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## Scope of Practice:

“Chiropractic” defined.

For the purpose of this subtitle the following classes of persons shall be deemed to be engaged in the practice of chiropractic:

1. Persons publicly professing to be chiropractors or publicly professing to assume the duties incident to the practice of chiropractic.
2. Persons who treat human ailments by the adjustment of the neuromusculoskeletal structures, primarily, by hand or instrument, through spinal care.
3. Persons utilizing differential diagnosis and procedures related thereto, withdrawing or ordering withdrawal of the patient's blood for diagnostic purposes, performing or utilizing routine laboratory tests, performing physical examinations, rendering nutritional advice, utilizing chiropractic physiotherapy procedures, all of which are subject to and authorized by section 151.8. (151.8 Training in procedures used in practice.
  1. A chiropractor shall not use in the chiropractor's practice the procedures otherwise authorized by law unless the chiropractor has received training in their use by a college of chiropractic offering courses of instructions approved by the board or by curriculum taught on a postgraduate level approved by the board.
  2. Any chiropractor licensed as of July 1, 1974, may use the procedures authorized by law if the chiropractor files with the board an affidavit that the chiropractor has completed the necessary training and is fully qualified in these procedures and possesses that degree of proficiency and will exercise that care which is common to physicians in this state.
  3. A chiropractor using the additional procedures and practices authorized by this chapter shall be held to the standard of care applicable to any other health care practitioner in this state.)

## Notes:

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# KANSAS

<http://www.ksbha.org/professions/DC.shtml>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Doctor of Chiropractic from an accredited school or college. Defined: An accredited school or college of chiropractic for the purpose of this act shall be a school or college teaching chiropractic which the board shall determine to have a standard of education not below that required for a recognized or accredited status with the council on chiropractic education. All such schools shall be approved by the board

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## Exams:

Successful completion of Parts I, II, III, IV and Physiotherapy

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## Scope of Practice:

Persons deemed engaged in practice of chiropractic. For the purpose of this act the following persons shall be deemed to be engaged in the practice of chiropractic: (a) Persons who examine, analyze and diagnose the human living body, and its diseases by the use of any physical, thermal or manual method and use the X-ray diagnosis and analysis taught in any accredited chiropractic school or college and (b) persons who adjust any misplaced tissue of any kind or nature, manipulate or treat the human body by manual, mechanical, electrical or natural methods or by the use of physical means, physiotherapy (including light, heat, water or exercise), or by the use of foods, food concentrates, or food extract, or who apply first aid and hygiene, but chiropractors are expressly prohibited from prescribing or administering to any person medicine or drugs in materia medica, or from performing any surgery, as hereinabove stated, or from practicing obstetrics

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## Notes:

# KENTUCKY

[http://kbce.ky.gov/ppc/new\\_default.aspx](http://kbce.ky.gov/ppc/new_default.aspx)

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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**Qualifications:**

graduate of a college or university accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or their successors

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**Exams:**

Parts I, II, III and IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners' examination

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**Scope of Practice:**

Subject to the limitations of subsection (4) of this section "chiropractic" means the science of diagnosing and adjusting or manipulating the subluxations of the articulations of the human spine and its adjacent tissues;

Subject to the limitations of subsection (4) of this section "chiropractor" means one qualified by experience and training and licensed by the board to diagnose his patients and to treat those of his patients diagnosed as having diseases or disorders relating to subluxations of the articulations of the human spine and its adjacent tissues by indicated adjustment or manipulation of those subluxations and by applying methods of treatment designed to augment those adjustments or manipulation. The terms "chiropractic," "doctor of chiropractic," and "chiropractor" shall be synonymous, and shall be construed to mean a practitioner of chiropractic as defined in this section. (See note for info on Subsection 4)

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**Notes:**

Sub Section (4) "Peer review" means an evaluation, based upon generally accepted standards, by a peer review committee established in KRS 312.200 or by other persons performing peer review pursuant to KRS 312.200(3), of the appropriateness, quality, utili

# LOUISIANA

<http://www.lachiropracticboard.com/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Has graduated from a chiropractic school or college that at the time of graduation therefrom has recognized candidate status for accreditation or is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or the foreign equivalency to the Council on Chiropractic Education or their successors and approved by the board and that was based on at least four thousand resident classroom hours.

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## Exams:

Has passed Parts I, II, III, IV and XIII of an examination given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

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## Scope of Practice:

(a) "Practice of chiropractic" means holding one's self out to the public as a chiropractor and as being engaged in the business of, or the actual engagement in, the diagnosing of conditions associated with the functional integrity of the spine and treating by adjustment, manipulation, and the use of the physical and other properties of heat, light, water, electricity, sound, massage, therapeutic exercise, mobilization, mechanical devices such as mechanical traction and mechanical massage, and other physical rehabilitation measures for the purpose of correcting interference with normal nerve transmission and expression. A chiropractor may also make recommendations relative to personal hygiene and proper nutritional practices for the rehabilitation of the patient. A chiropractor may also order such diagnostic tests as are necessary for determining conditions associated with the functional integrity of the spine.

(b)(i) While chiropractors may not directly perform or administer computerized axial tomography, nuclear magnetic resonance, and nuclear magnetic imaging, nothing shall be construed to prohibit a chiropractor from ordering such diagnostic procedures when deemed necessary by the practitioner. However, the authority to order such diagnostic tests shall not be construed so as to mandate coverage for such tests ordered by a chiropractor under any health care plan or policy of insurance, to require such coverage under any such plan or policy, or to circumvent any requirement or preauthorization for covered services by a primary care physician or precertification by an insurer or administrator of a plan or policy in accordance with the terms of a health care plan or policy.

(ii) In the exercise of the authority to order diagnostic tests provided in this Paragraph, a chiropractor shall not order such tests or solicit an insurer or health care plan provider for coverage arrangements for such tests for the primary purpose of financial gain.

(c) The practice of chiropractic does not include the right to prescribe, dispense, or administer medicine or drugs, or to engage in the practice of major or minor surgery, obstetrics, X-ray therapy, radium therapy, or nuclear medicine. For purposes of this Chapter, the terms "medicine" and "drugs" shall not include orthotic devices, vitamin, mineral, and nutritional supplements, therapeutic devices, postural modification equipment, exercise equipment, or homeopathic remedies. Any chiropractor applying to practice acupuncture shall comply with the provisions of R.S. 37:1358.

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## Notes:

# MAINE

<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/chiropractors/index.html>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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Qualifications:

Graduation from an CCE school, or an agency with equal standards recognized by the United States Dept. of Ed, OR a school found equivalent by the board.

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Exams:

NBCE parts 1, 2, 3, and 4

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Scope of Practice:

"Chiropractic" means the art and science of identification and correction of subluxation and the accompanying physiological or mechanical abnormalities. The term subluxation, as utilized within the chiropractic health care system, means a structural or functional impairment of an intact articular unit. "Chiropractic" includes chiropractic acupuncture. Chiropractic recognizes the inherent recuperative capability of the human body as it relates to the spinal column, musculo-skeletal and nervous system.

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Notes:

# MARYLAND

<https://health.maryland.gov/chiropractic/Pages/index.aspx>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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Qualifications:

Graduation from an school or college of chiropractic, accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor

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Exams:

NBCE parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 (Physiotherapy is optional)

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Scope of Practice:

Practice chiropractic. --

(1) "Practice chiropractic" means to use a drugless system of health care based on the principle that interference with the transmission of nerve impulses may cause disease.

(2) "Practice chiropractic" includes the diagnosing and locating of misaligned or displaced vertebrae and, through the manual manipulation and adjustment of the spine and other skeletal structures, treating disorders of the human body.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this title, "practice chiropractic" does not include the use of drugs or surgery, or the practice of osteopathy, obstetrics, or any other branch of medicine.

(4) The definition of "practice chiropractic" does not prohibit a chiropractor from selecting diet and hygiene measures for an individual.

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Notes:

# MASSACHUSETTS

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-chiropractors>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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**Qualifications:**

graduated from a school or college of Chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education

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**Exams:**

Parts I, II, III and IV, as well as the special Physiotherapy (supportive procedures and therapies) section, of the national board examination administered by NBCE;

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**Scope of Practice:**

'Chiropractic', the science of locating, and removing interference with the transmission or expression of nerve force in the human body, by the correction of misalignments or subluxations of the bony articulation and adjacent structures, more especially those of the vertebra column and pelvis, for the purpose of restoring and maintaining health. It shall exclude operative surgery, prescription or use of drugs or medicines, the practice of obstetrics, the treatment of infectious diseases, and internal examinations whether or not diagnostic instruments are used except that the X-ray and analytical instruments may be used solely for the purposes of chiropractic examinations. Nothing in this definition shall exclude the use of supportive procedures and therapy, including braces, traction, heat, cold, sound, electricity, and dietary and nutritional advice, as treatment supplemental to a chiropractic adjustment.

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**Notes:**

# MICHIGAN

[https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334\\_72600\\_72603\\_27529\\_27531---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27531---,00.html)

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Graduation from a CCE accredited program

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## Exams:

Parts I, II, III and IV of the national board examination

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## Scope of Practice:

"Practice of chiropractic" means that discipline within the healing arts that deals with the human nervous system and the musculoskeletal system and their interrelationship with other body systems. Practice of chiropractic includes the following:

- (i) The diagnosis of human conditions and disorders of the human musculoskeletal and nervous systems as they relate to subluxations, misalignments, and joint dysfunctions. These diagnoses shall be for the purpose of detecting and correcting those conditions and disorders or offering advice to seek treatment from other health professionals in order to restore and maintain health.
  - (ii) The evaluation of conditions or symptoms related to subluxations, misalignments, and joint dysfunction through any of the following:
    - (A) Physical examination.
    - (B) The taking and reviewing of patient health information.
    - (C) The performance, ordering, or use of tests. The performance, ordering, or use of tests in the practice of chiropractic is regulated by rules promulgated under section 16423.
    - (D) The performance, ordering, or use of x-ray.
    - (E) The performance, ordering, or use of tests that were allowed under section 16423 as of December 1, 2009.
  - (iii) The chiropractic adjustment of subluxations, misalignments, and joint dysfunction and the treatment of related bones and tissues for the establishment of neural integrity and structural stability.
  - (iv) The use of physical measures, analytical instruments, nutritional advice, rehabilitative exercise, and adjustment apparatus regulated by rules promulgated under section 16423.
- (2) The practice of chiropractic does not include any of the following:
- (a) The performance of any procedure that cuts or punctures the skin.
  - (b) The dispensing or prescribing of drugs or medicine.
  - (c) Except for diagnostic purposes only, the use of x-ray.
  - (d) The performance of an invasive procedure involving a body orifice or cavity unless allowed by rules promulgated under section 16423 and limited to examinations involving the ears, nose, and throat.
  - (e) The treatment of fractures or dislocations.
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## Notes:

# MINNESOTA

<https://mn.gov/boards/chiropractic-examiners/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

graduate of a college of chiropractic approved by a Council on Chiropractic Education member organization of the Council on Chiropractic International

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## Exams:

NBCE Parts: I, II, III(WCCE), IV, and Physiotherapy

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## Scope of Practice:

(1) "chiropractic" means the health care discipline that recognizes the innate recuperative power of the body to heal itself without the use of drugs or surgery by identifying and caring for vertebral subluxations and other abnormal articulations by emphasizing the relationship between structure and function as coordinated by the nervous system and how that relationship affects the preservation and restoration of health;

(2) "chiropractic services" means the evaluation and facilitation of structural, biomechanical, and neurological function and integrity through the use of adjustment, manipulation, mobilization, or other procedures accomplished by manual or mechanical forces applied to bones or joints and their related soft tissues for correction of vertebral subluxation, other abnormal articulations, neurological disturbances, structural alterations, or biomechanical alterations, and includes, but is not limited to, manual therapy and mechanical therapy as defined in section 146.23;

Practice of chiropractic. An individual licensed to practice under section 148.06 is authorized to perform chiropractic services, acupuncture, and therapeutic services, and to provide diagnosis and to render opinions pertaining to those services for the purpose of determining a course of action in the best interests of the patient, such as a treatment plan, appropriate referral, or both.

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## Notes:

# MISSISSIPPI

<https://www.msbce.ms.gov/secure/index.asp>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Graduate of Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) approved chiropractic college

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## Exams:

NBCE Parts: I, II, III(WCCE), IV, and Physiotherapy

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## Scope of Practice:

(1) The practice of chiropractic involves the analysis of any interference with normal nerve transmission and expression, and the procedure preparatory to and complementary to the correction thereof, by adjustment and/or manipulation of the articulations of the vertebral column and its immediate articulations for the restoration and maintenance of health without the use of drugs or surgery.

(2) The chiropractic adjustment and/or manipulation of the articulations of the human body may include manual adjustments and/or manipulations and adjustments and/or manipulations by means of electrical and/or mechanical manual devices. Chiropractors licensed under this chapter may also use in conjunction with adjustments and/or manipulations of the spinal structures electrical therapeutic modalities which induce heat or electrical current beneath the skin, including therapeutic ultrasound, galvanism, diathermy and electromuscular stimulation and other procedures taught by a chiropractic college approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education, its successor or an equivalent accrediting agency.

(3) Chiropractors licensed under this chapter may utilize those electric therapeutic modalities described in subsection (2) of this section only after the chiropractor has completed a course of study containing a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) hours of instruction in the proper utilization of those procedures in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Council on Chiropractic Education, its successor, or an equivalent accrediting agency, and is qualified and so certified in that proper utilization.

(4) Chiropractors shall not prescribe or administer medicine to patients, perform surgery, practice obstetrics or osteopathy. Chiropractors shall be authorized to recommend, dispense or sell vitamins or food supplements.

(5) Chiropractors shall not use venipuncture, capillary puncture, acupuncture or any other technique which is invasive of the human body either by penetrating the skin or through any of the orifices of the body or through the use of colonics

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## Notes:

# MISSOURI

<https://pr.mo.gov/chiropractors>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Graduated from a chiropractic college having status with the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor

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## Exams:

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) for Parts I, II, III, IV, and physiotherapy;

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## Scope of Practice:

Practice of chiropractic, definition. — 1. The "practice of chiropractic" is defined as the science and art of examination, diagnosis, adjustment, manipulation and treatment both in inpatient and outpatient settings, by those methods commonly taught in any chiropractic college or chiropractic program in a university which has been accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education, its successor entity or approved by the board. It shall not include the use of operative surgery, obstetrics, osteopathy, podiatry, nor the administration or prescribing of any drug or medicine nor the practice of medicine. The practice of chiropractic is declared not to be the practice of medicine and operative surgery or osteopathy within the meaning of chapter 334 and not subject to the provisions of the chapter.

2. The practice of chiropractic may include meridian therapy/acupressure/acupuncture with certification as required by the board.

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## Notes:

# MONTANA

<http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/chi>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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Qualifications:

Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) Degree from a school accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE).

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Exams:

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Parts I, II, III, IV, and Physiotherapy

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Scope of Practice:

"Chiropractic" is the system of specific adjustment or manipulation of the articulations and tissues of the body, particularly of the spinal column, for the correction of nerve interference and includes the use of recognized diagnostic and treatment methods as taught in chiropractic colleges but does not include surgery or the prescription or use of drugs.

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Notes:

# NEBRASKA

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Chiropractic.aspx>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

An accredited college of chiropractic means (1) one which is approved by the board, (2) a legally chartered college of chiropractic requiring for admission a diploma from an accredited high school or its equivalent and, beginning with students entering a college of chiropractic on or after January 1, 1974, at least two years credit from an accredited college or university of this or some other state, which requirement shall be regularly published in each prospectus or catalog issued by such institution, (3) one which conducts a clinic for patients in which its students are required to regularly participate in the care and adjustment of patients, (4) one giving instruction in anatomy, orthopedics, physiology, embryology, chemistry, pathology, health ecology, bacteriology, symptomatology, histology, spinal analysis, diagnosis, roentgenology, neurology, and principles and practice of chiropractic, and (5) one requiring an actual attendance for four college years totaling not less than four thousand hours.

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## Exams:

pass an examination given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners which consists of Parts I, II, III, IV, and physiotherapy

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## Scope of Practice:

Practice of chiropractic, defined.

(1) Practice of chiropractic means one or a combination of the following, without the use of drugs or surgery:

(a) The diagnosis and analysis of the living human body for the purpose of detecting ailments, disorders, and disease by the use of diagnostic X-ray, physical and clinical examination, and routine procedures including urine analysis; or

(b) The science and art of treating human ailments, disorders, and disease by locating and removing any interference with the transmission and expression of nerve energy in the human body by chiropractic adjustment, chiropractic physiotherapy, and the use of exercise, nutrition, dietary guidance, and colonic irrigation.

(2) The use of X-rays beyond the axial skeleton as described in subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall be solely for diagnostic purposes and shall not expand the practice of chiropractic to include the treatment of human ailments, disorders, and disease not permitted when the use of X-rays was limited to the axial skeleton.

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## Notes:

# NEVADA

<http://chirobd.nv.gov/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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**Qualifications:**

graduate from a college of chiropractic which is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education

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**Exams:**

Completed parts I, II, III and IV, and the portion relating to physiotherapy, of the examination administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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**Scope of Practice:**

“Chiropractic” is defined to be the science, art and practice of palpating and adjusting the articulations of the human body by hand, the use of physiotherapy, hygienic, nutritive and sanitary measures and all methods of diagnosis.

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**Notes:**

# NEW HAMPSHIRE

<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/chiropractic/index.htm>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

graduated from a degree granting chiropractic college which is accredited by an established chiropractic accrediting body, approved by the United States Department of Education; or

(b) Have completed a chiropractic program at a chiropractic institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education.

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## Exams:

Passing scores on Parts I, II, III and IV of the National Board Examination.

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## Scope of Practice:

Definition. – The science of chiropractic deals with the analysis of any interference with normal nerve transmission and expression, the procedure preparatory to, and complementary to the correction thereof, by an adjustment of the articulations of the vertebral column and its immediate articulations for the restoration and maintenance of health; it includes the normal regimen and rehabilitation of the patient using the procedures which are currently taught in accredited chiropractic colleges at the time of matriculation without the use of drugs, surgery, or colonic irrigation. The term analysis is construed to include physical examination, the use of x-ray and other analytical instruments generally used in the practice of chiropractic. The terms adjustment, manipulation, and subluxation are primary to the practice of chiropractic and shall therefore be specifically defined in rules adopted by the board of chiropractic examiners.

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## Notes:

# NEW JERSEY

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/chi/Pages/default.aspx>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Graduated from a chiropractic college or university approved during the individual's entire course of study by the board, and accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education, or the Straight Chiropractic Academic Standards Association, or other accrediting agency approved by the US Department of Education.

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## Exams:

Parts I, II, III and IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Examination

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## Scope of Practice:

"Practice of chiropractic" means a philosophy, science and healing art concerned with the restoration and preservation of health and wellness through the promotion of well-being, prevention of disease and promotion and support of the inherent or innate recuperative abilities of the body. The practice of chiropractic includes the reduction of chiropractic subluxation, and the examination, diagnosis, analysis, assessment, systems of adjustments, manipulation and treatment of the articulations and soft tissue of the body. It is within the lawful scope of the practice of chiropractic to diagnose, adjust, and treat the articulations of the spinal column and other joints, articulations, and soft tissue and to order and administer physical modalities and therapeutic, rehabilitative and strengthening exercises.

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## Notes:

# NEW MEXICO

<http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/chiropractic-board-overview.aspx>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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Qualifications:

graduate from a college of chiropractic which is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education

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Exams:

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Parts I, II, III, IV, and Physiotherapy

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Scope of Practice:

"chiropractic" means the science, art and philosophy of things natural, the science of locating and removing interference with the transmissions or expression of nerve forces in the human body by the correction of misalignments or subluxations of the articulations and adjacent structures, more especially those of the vertebral column and pelvis, for the purpose of restoring and maintaining health for treatment of human disease primarily by, but not limited to, adjustment and manipulation of the human structure. It shall include, but not be limited to, the prescribing and administering of all natural agents to assist in the healing act, such as food, water, heat, cold, electricity, mechanical appliances and medical devices; the selling of herbs, nutritional supplements and homeopathic remedies; the administering of a drug by injection by a certified advanced practice chiropractic physician; and any necessary diagnostic procedure, excluding invasive procedures, except as provided by the board by rule and regulation. It shall exclude operative surgery, the prescription or use of controlled or dangerous drugs and the practice of acupuncture;

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Notes:

# NEW YORK

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/chiro/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Doctor of Chiropractic program (DCP) accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education (CCE) at the time of graduation or equivalent

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## Exams:

Parts I, II, III and IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Examination

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## Scope of Practice:

Definition of practice of chiropractic.

The practice of the profession of chiropractic is defined as detecting and correcting by manual or mechanical means structural imbalance, distortion, or subluxations in the human body for the purpose of removing nerve interference and the effects thereof, where such interference is the result of or related to distortion, misalignment or subluxation of or in the vertebral column.

A license to practice as a chiropractor shall not permit the holder thereof to use radio-therapy, fluoroscopy, or any form of ionizing radiation except X-ray which shall be used for the detection of structural imbalance, distortion, or subluxations in the human body.

The requirements and limitations with respect to the use of X-ray by chiropractors shall be enforced by the state commissioner of health and he is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations after conferring with the board to carry out the purposes of this subdivision.

Chiropractors shall retain for a period of three years all X-ray films taken in the course of their practice, together with the records pertaining thereto, and shall make such films and records available to the state commissioner of health or his representative on demand.

A license to practice chiropractic shall not permit the holder thereof to treat for any infectious diseases such as pneumonia, any communicable diseases listed in the sanitary code of the state of New York, any of the cardio-vascular-renal or cardio-pulmonary diseases, any surgical condition of the abdomen such as acute appendicitis, or diabetes, or any benign or malignant neoplasms; to operate; to reduce fractures or dislocations; to prescribe, administer, dispense or use in his practice drugs or medicines; or to use diagnostic or therapeutic methods involving chemical or biological means except diagnostic services performed by clinical laboratories which services shall be approved by the board as appropriate to the practice of chiropractic; or to utilize electrical devices except those devices approved by the board as being appropriate to the practice of chiropractic. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit a licensed chiropractor who has successfully completed a registered doctoral program in chiropractic, which contains courses of study in nutrition satisfactory to the department, from using nutritional counseling, including the dispensing of food concentrates, food extracts, vitamins, minerals, and other nutritional supplements approved by the board as being appropriate to, and as a part of, his or her practice of chiropractic. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit an individual who is not subject to regulation in this state as a licensed chiropractor from engaging in nutritional counseling.

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## Notes:

# NORTH CAROLINA

<https://ncchiroboard.com/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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Qualifications:

Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from Council on Chiropractic Education accredited school

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Exams:

NBCE: Part I, Part II, Part III (WCCE), Physiotherapy and Part IV.

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Scope of Practice:

"Chiropractic" is herein defined to be the science of adjusting the cause of disease by realigning the spine, releasing pressure on nerves radiating from the spine to all parts of the body, and allowing the nerves to carry their full quota of health current (nerve energy) from the brain to all parts of the body.

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Notes:

# NORTH DAKOTA

<https://www.ndsbce.org/chiro/index.asp>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

graduation from a college of chiropractic accredited by the council on chiropractic education or its successor or equivalent

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## Exams:

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Parts I, II, III, IV, and Physiotherapy

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## Scope of Practice:

a. "The practice of chiropractic" includes:

- (1) The examination, evaluation, and diagnosis by means including x-ray, other appropriate diagnostic imaging, clinical laboratory procedures, or pertinent examinations taught by chiropractic colleges accredited by the council on chiropractic education or its successor or equivalent;
- (2) The treatment of patients by means of the adjustment or manipulation of the spinal column, the vertebral articulations, the appendicular skeleton not excluding the skull, and of any displaced tissue of any kind or nature;
- (3) The practice of physiotherapy, electrotherapy, or hydrotherapy;
- (4) All other procedures taught by chiropractic colleges accredited by the council on chiropractic education or its successor;
- (5) The rating and reporting of any permanent impairment of function and the providing of professional opinions regarding any matter included in this definition of practice of chiropractic as set out herein; and
- (6) Delegation of basic health care duties in the practice of chiropractic to a certified chiropractic clinical assistant.

b. The practice of chiropractic does not include prescribing for or administering to any person any medicine or drug to be taken internally which is now or hereafter included in materia medica, nor performing any surgery, except as is provided in this section, nor practicing obstetrics

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## Notes:

# OHIO

<https://www.chirobd.ohio.gov/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Doctor of Chiropractic from an school approved by board. See <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4734.21>

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## Exams:

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Parts I, II, III, IV, and Physiotherapy

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## Scope of Practice:

### Practice of Chiropractic Defined.

As used in this chapter, the "practice of chiropractic" means utilization of the relationship between the musculo-skeletal structures of the body, the spinal column, and the nervous system in the restoration and maintenance of health, in connection with which patient care is conducted with due regard for first aid, hygienic, nutritional, and rehabilitative procedures and the specific vertebral adjustment and manipulation of the articulations and adjacent tissues of the body

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## Notes:

# OKLAHOMA

<https://www.ok.gov/chiropracticboard/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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**Qualifications:**

Doctor of Chiropractic from a school accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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**Exams:**

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Parts I, II, III, IV, and Physiotherapy

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**Scope of Practice:**

A. Chiropractic is the science and art that teaches health in anatomic relation and disease or abnormality in anatomic disrelation, and includes hygienic, sanitary and therapeutic measures incident thereto in humans. The scope of practice of chiropractic shall include those diagnostic and treatment services and procedures which have been taught by an accredited chiropractic college and have been approved by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

B. A chiropractic physician may engage in the practice of animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment if certified to do so by the Board. A licensed chiropractic physician may provide chiropractic treatment to an animal without being certified in animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment by the Board if an animal has been referred to the chiropractic physician by a licensed veterinarian in writing.

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**Notes:**

# OREGON

<https://www.oregon.gov/obce/Pages/index.aspx>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

graduation from a chiropractic school or college approved by the board under the board's academic standards, or from a school accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor agency

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## Exams:

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE):

- 1) Part I
  - 2) Part II
  - 3) Part III (minimum score 375)
  - 4) Physiotherapy
  - 5) NBCE Part IV (min. score 375)
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## Scope of Practice:

“Chiropractic” is defined as:

- (a) That system of adjusting with the hands the articulations of the bony framework of the human body, and the employment and practice of physiotherapy, electrotherapy, hydrotherapy and minor surgery.
  - (b) The chiropractic diagnosis, treatment and prevention of body dysfunction; correction, maintenance of the structural and functional integrity of the neuro-musculoskeletal system and the effects thereof or interferences therewith by the utilization of all recognized and accepted chiropractic diagnostic procedures and the employment of all rational therapeutic measures as taught in approved chiropractic colleges.
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## Notes:

# PENNSYLVANIA

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Chiropractic/Pages/default.aspx>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Has graduated from an approved college of chiropractic, with successful completion of not less than the minimum number of hours of classroom and laboratory instruction required by regulation of the board, which minimum shall be at least 4,000 hours. Approved colleges are accredited by a chiropractic accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation

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## Exams:

Passing scores on Parts I, II, III and IV of the National Board Examination.

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## Scope of Practice:

“Chiropractic.” A branch of the healing arts dealing with the relationship between the articulations of the vertebral column, as well as other articulations, and the neuro-musculo-skeletal system and the role of these relationships in the restoration and maintenance of health. The term shall include systems of locating misaligned or displaced vertebrae of the human spine and other articulations; the examination preparatory to the adjustment or manipulation of such misaligned or displaced vertebrae and other articulations; the adjustment or manipulation of such misaligned or displaced vertebrae and other articulations; the furnishing of necessary patient care for the restoration and maintenance of health; and the use of board-approved scientific instruments of analysis, including X-ray. The term shall also include diagnosis, provided that such diagnosis is necessary to determine the nature and appropriateness of chiropractic treatment; the use of adjunctive procedures in treating misaligned or dislocated vertebrae or articulations and related conditions of the nervous system, provided that, after January 1, 1988, the licensee must be certified in accordance with this act to use adjunctive procedures; and nutritional counseling, provided that nothing herein shall be construed to require licensure as a chiropractor in order to engage in nutritional counseling. The term shall not include the practice of obstetrics or gynecology, the reduction of fractures or major dislocations, or the use of drugs or surgery.

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## Notes:

# RHODE ISLAND

<https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=250>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Has successfully graduated from a school or college of chiropractic medicine accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education and approved by the Division;

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## Exams:

NBCE (Parts I, II, III, IV, )

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## Scope of Practice:

"Chiropractic medicine" defined.

For the purpose of this chapter, the practice of "chiropractic medicine" is defined as the science and art of mechanical and material healing as follows: the employment of a system of palpating and adjusting the articulations of the human spinal column and its appendages, by hand and electro-mechanical appliances, and the employment of corrective orthopedics and dietetics for the elimination of the cause of disease; provided, that chiropractic physicians may not write prescriptions for drugs for internal medication nor practice major surgery as defined in chapter 37 of this title.

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## Notes:

# SOUTH CAROLINA

<https://lir.sc.gov/chiro/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Be a graduate from a chiropractic college accredited by or has recognized candidate status with the Council of Chiropractic Education or with the Commission on Accreditation of the Straight Chiropractic Academic Standards Association or meets equivalent standards.

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## Exams:

Parts I, II, III, and IV from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE)

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## Scope of Practice:

a) "Chiropractic" is defined as that science and art which utilizes the inherent recuperative powers of the body and deals with the relationship between the nervous system and the spinal column, including its immediate articulations and the role of this relationship in the restoration and maintenance of health.

(b) "Chiropractic practice" is defined as the spinal analysis of any interference with normal nerve transmission and expression, and by adjustment to the articulations of the vertebral column and its immediate articulations for the restoration and maintenance of health and the normal regimen and rehabilitation of the patient without the use of drugs or surgery.

(c) "Analysis" is defined as physical examination, the use of x-ray and procedures generally used in the practice of chiropractic.

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## Notes:

# **SOUTH DAKOTA**

<https://doh.sd.gov/boards/chiropractic/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Doctor of Chiropractic degree from a CCE accredited college or it's equivalent

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## Exams:

### National Board Examinations:

- PART I required
  - PART II required
  - PART III (WCCE) required
  - PART IV required
  - PHYSIOTHERAPY required
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## Scope of Practice:

Chiropractic is the science of locating and removing the cause of any abnormal transmission of nerve energy including diagnostic and applied mechanical measures incident thereto. Integral to chiropractic is the treating of specific joints and articulations of the body and adjacent tissues, to influence joints or neurophysiological functions of the body, or both, including the use of examination and treatment by manipulation, adjustment, and mobilization of a joint. No chiropractor may practice obstetrics or treat communicable diseases.

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## Notes:

# TENNESSEE

<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/chiro-board.html>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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**Qualifications:**

Doctor of Chiropractic from a school accredited by Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE)

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**Exams:**

NBCE Parts: I, II, III(WCCE), IV, and Physiotherapy

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**Scope of Practice:**

“Practice of chiropractic” means the diagnosis and treatment of patients, as defined in subdivisions (a)(1)(B) and (D);

(a)

(1) As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(B) “Diagnosis” means:

(i) The differential diagnosis of human ailments through examination and evaluation of patients and through diagnostic procedures necessary to clinically correlate a physical examination to a diagnostic impression;

(ii) The ordering of X-rays, advanced diagnostic imaging, and other diagnostic procedures;

(iii) The performance of X-rays and other non-invasive diagnostic procedures, as well as minimally invasive procedures for which the chiropractic physician has received training by an institution accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or its successor and which have been approved by the board of chiropractic examiners after consultation with the board of medical examiners; and

(iv) The collection of blood, urine, saliva, and hair for analysis; provided, however, venipuncture shall only be done by a phlebotomist or other person who is properly trained to draw blood;

(D) “Treatment” means:

(i) The treatment of neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, and related conditions through the use of chiropractic adjustment and manipulation; physical agent modalities; manual, rehabilitative, and other therapeutic care; and mechanical, chemical, electrical, and thermal methods;

(ii) The use of acupuncture by a chiropractic physician who has completed two hundred fifty (250) hours of an accredited acupuncture course and has passed the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Acupuncture Exam;

(iii) The location and removal of interference with nerve transmission and nerve function;

(iv) The making of appropriate referrals to other healthcare professionals for conditions that are outside the scope of practice of a chiropractic physician;

(v) The ordering of durable medical equipment for patients who need such equipment to assist in the restoration of their health under the plan of care for treatment of their neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, and related conditions; and

(vi) The provision of supportive care with due regard for nutrition, hygiene, sanitation, and rehabilitation designed to assist in the restoration and maintenance of a patient's health.

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**Notes:**

# TEXAS

<http://www.tbce.state.tx.us/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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Qualifications:

Doctor of Chiropractic from a school accredited by Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE)

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Exams:

NBCE Parts: I, II, III(WCCE), IV, and Physiotherapy

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Scope of Practice:

(b) A person practices chiropractic under this chapter if the person:

- (1) uses objective or subjective means to diagnose, analyze, examine, or evaluate the biomechanical condition of the spine and musculoskeletal system of the human body;
- (2) performs nonsurgical, nonincisive procedures, including adjustment and manipulation, to improve the subluxation complex or the biomechanics of the musculoskeletal system;
- (3) represents to the public that the person is a chiropractor; or
- (4) uses the term "chiropractor," "chiropractic," "doctor of chiropractic," "D.C.," or any derivative of those terms or initials in connection with the person's name.

(c) The practice of chiropractic does not include:

- (1) incisive or surgical procedures;
  - (2) the prescription of controlled substances, dangerous drugs, or any other drug that requires a prescription; or
  - (3) the use of x-ray therapy or therapy that exposes the body to radioactive materials.
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Notes:

# VERMONT

<https://sos.vermont.gov/chiropractic/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Present proof of having graduated from a four-year school of chiropractic, accredited by a chiropractic accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and approved by the Board, or submit to the Board proof of equivalent education as provided in rules for foreign-trained persons. Defined as: "Accredited school of chiropractic" means:

- 1) an educational program leading to the doctor of chiropractic degree, accredited by an agency that is approved by the board, and which is recognized by the United States Department of Education for accreditation of programs of chiropractic education; or,
  - 2) a foreign educational program that is accredited by a foreign chiropractic accrediting agency which is recognized and endorsed by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE-US).
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## Exams:

NBCE: Completed Parts I, II, III, IV and the Physiotherapy examinations

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## Scope of Practice:

"The practice of chiropractic" means the diagnosis of human ailments and diseases related to subluxations, joint dysfunctions, and neuromuscular and skeletal disorders for the purpose of their detection, correction, or referral in order to restore and maintain health, including pain relief, without providing drugs or performing surgery; the use of physical and clinical examinations, conventional radiologic procedures and interpretation, as well as the use of diagnostic imaging read and interpreted by a person so licensed and clinical laboratory procedures to determine the propriety of a regimen of chiropractic care; adjunctive therapies approved by the Board, by rule, to be used in conjunction with chiropractic treatment; and treatment by adjustment or manipulation of the spine or other joints and connected neuromusculoskeletal tissues and bodily articulations.

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## Notes:

# VIRGINIA

<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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**Qualifications:**

Graduate of a chiropractic college accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council of Chiropractic Education or any other organization approved by the board

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**Exams:**

successful completion of Parts I, II, III, and IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners examination (NBCE).

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**Scope of Practice:**

"Practice of chiropractic" means the adjustment of the 24 movable vertebrae of the spinal column, and assisting nature for the purpose of normalizing the transmission of nerve energy, but does not include the use of surgery, obstetrics, osteopathy or the administration or prescribing of any drugs, medicines, serums or vaccines. "Practice of chiropractic" shall include performing the physical examination of an applicant for a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit pursuant to § 46.2-341.12 if the practitioner has (i) applied for and received certification as a medical examiner pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 390, Subpart D and (ii) registered with the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners

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**Notes:**

# WASHINGTON

## <https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Chiropractor> License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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### Qualifications:

Graduation from an accredited college approved by the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission and show satisfactory evidence of a resident course of study of at least 4,000 classroom hours of instruction.

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### Exams:

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE), parts I, II, III, & IV

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### Scope of Practice:

"Chiropractic" defined.

(1) Chiropractic is the practice of health care that deals with the diagnosis or analysis and care or treatment of the vertebral subluxation complex and its effects, articular dysfunction, and musculoskeletal disorders, all for the restoration and maintenance of health and recognizing the recuperative powers of the body.

(2) Chiropractic treatment or care includes the use of procedures involving spinal adjustments and extremity manipulation. Chiropractic treatment also includes the use of heat, cold, water, exercise, massage, trigger point therapy, dietary advice and recommendation of nutritional supplementation, the normal regimen and rehabilitation of the patient, first aid, and counseling on hygiene, sanitation, and preventive measures. Chiropractic care also includes such physiological therapeutic procedures as traction and light, but does not include procedures involving the application of sound, diathermy, or electricity.

(3) As part of a chiropractic differential diagnosis, a chiropractor shall perform a physical examination, which may include diagnostic x-rays, to determine the appropriateness of chiropractic care or the need for referral to other health care providers. The chiropractic quality assurance commission shall provide by rule for the type and use of diagnostic and analytical devices and procedures consistent with this chapter.

(4) Chiropractic care shall not include the prescription or dispensing of any medicine or drug, the practice of obstetrics or surgery, the use of x-rays or any other form of radiation for therapeutic purposes, colonic irrigation, or any form of venipuncture.

(5) Nothing in this chapter prohibits or restricts any other practitioner of a "health profession" defined in RCW 18.120.020(4) from performing any functions or procedures the practitioner is licensed or permitted to perform, and the term "chiropractic" as defined in this chapter shall not prohibit a practitioner licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW from performing medical procedures, except such procedures shall not include the adjustment by hand of any articulation of the spine.

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### Notes:

# WEST VIRGINIA

<https://boc.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Is a holder of the degree of doctor of chiropractic from and a graduate of a chiropractic college or school located in the United States, its territories or possessions which was approved by the council on chiropractic education or its successor at the time the degree was conferred or that the applicant is the holder of a degree of doctor of chiropractic from college of a foreign country that the board determines is acceptable as set forth in section eight;

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## Exams:

Has passed the national board of chiropractic licensing examination Parts I, II, III and IV, satisfactory to the board and any other examination, test or procedure determined necessary by the board;

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## Scope of Practice:

Chiropractic" is the science and art which utilizes the inherent recuperative powers of the body and the relationship between the neuromusculoskeletal structures and functions of the body, particularly of the spinal column and the nervous system, in the restoration and maintenance of health. The use of the designation doctor of chiropractic, chiropractor, chiropractic physician or D.C., is the practice of chiropractic.

The practice of chiropractic also includes the examination and assessment of members of the public that are not patients of the examining chiropractor. Further, the practice of chiropractic includes the review of information relating to the duration and necessity of chiropractic care that affects the course of care, the treatment plan or payment and reimbursement concerning chiropractic patients residing within the State of West Virginia.

The practices and procedures which may be employed by doctors of chiropractic are based on the academic and clinical training received in and through chiropractic colleges accredited by the council of chiropractic education or its successors and as determined by the board. These include the use of diagnostic, analytical and therapeutic procedures specifically including the adjustment and manipulation of the articulations and adjacent tissues of the human body, particularly of the spinal column, including the treatment of intersegmental disorders. Patient care and management is conducted with due regard for environmental and nutritional factors, as well as first aid, hygiene, sanitation, rehabilitation and physiological therapeutic procedures designed to assist in the restoration and maintenance of neurological integrity and homeostatic balance;

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## Notes:

# WISCONSIN

<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/Chiropractor/Default.aspx>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Graduation from a chiropractic college accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or by an agency approved by the United States Office of Education or its successor, or from a foreign school determined to be equivalent to an accredited college of chiropractic by the CCE or another approved accrediting agency.

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## Exams:

All applicants must complete the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Examinations (Parts I, II, III, and IV). For Wisconsin licensure, applicants must pass Parts I and II with a score of 375 or above, Part III with a score of 375 or above, and Part IV with a score of 375 or above. (Physiotherapy not required.)

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## Scope of Practice:

“Practice of chiropractic” means:

- (a) To examine into the fact, condition, or cause of departure from complete health and proper condition of the human; to treat without the use of drugs as defined in s. 450.01 (10), other than hemp, as defined under s. 94.55 (1), or surgery; to counsel; to advise for the same for the restoration and preservation of health or to undertake, offer, advertise, announce or hold out in any manner to do any of the aforementioned acts, for compensation, direct or indirect or in expectation thereof; and
  - (b) To employ or apply chiropractic adjustments and the principles or techniques of chiropractic science in the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of any of the conditions described in s. 448.01 (10).
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## Notes:

# WYOMING

<https://chiropractic.wyo.gov/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Completion of education at a CCE or CCEI accredited college or university. All applicants that matriculated in a chiropractic college or university prior to October 1, 1975, shall present evidence of having graduated from a chiropractic college or university that meets equivalent standards comparable to CCE.

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## Exams:

Successful completion of NBCE examination as follows:

(I) Applicants who graduated prior to 1996 shall successfully pass Parts I, II, III, and Part IV or SPEC Exam.

(II) Applicants who graduated in or after 1996 shall successfully pass Parts I, II, III and IV.

(III) Those applicants who perform physiotherapy services shall successfully pass physiotherapy exam.

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## Scope of Practice:

Chiropractic is the system of specific adjustment or manipulation of the joints and tissues of the body and the treatment of the human body by the application of manipulative, manual, mechanical, physiotherapeutic or clinical nutritional methods for which those persons licensed under this chapter are trained and may include venipuncture, acupuncture and the use of diagnostic x-rays with rights for referral for advanced diagnostic imaging. A chiropractor may examine, diagnose and treat patients provided, however, chiropractors shall not perform surgery, direct the use of or administer drugs required by law to be dispensed on prescription only, practice obstetrics or prescribe or administer x-ray therapy. For purposes of this act, "venipuncture" means the puncture of the vein for the withdrawal of blood.

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## Notes:



<https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/145992>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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**Qualifications:**

Must have successfully completed two years of education at the baccalaureate level at an accredited college or university, and has graduated from an educational program in the practice of chiropractic that:

- (1) Consists of four (4) academic years of study;
  - (2) Includes five hundred (500) hours of practical clinical experience under the supervision of a chiropractor; and
  - (3) Is accredited at the time of the applicant's graduation by:
    - (A) The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE); or
    - (B) The Straight Chiropractic Academic Standards Association (SCASA); or
    - (C) Any other specialized chiropractic accrediting agency listed with the U.S. Department of Education.
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**Exams:**

NBCE: Completed Parts I, II, III, IV and the Physiotherapy examinations

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**Scope of Practice:**

"Practice of chiropractic" means the detecting and correcting of subluxations that cause vertebral, neuromuscular, or skeletal disorder, by adjustment of the spine or manipulation of bodily articulations for the restoration and maintenance of health; the use of x-rays, physical examination, and examination by noninvasive instrumentation for the detection of subluxations; and the referral of a patient for diagnostic x-rays, tests, and clinical laboratory procedures in order to determine a regimen of chiropractic care or to form a basis of referral of patients to other licensed health care professionals. The practice of chiropractic does not include the use of drugs, surgery, or injections, but may include, upon certification by the Board, counseling about hygienic and other noninvasive ancillary procedures authorized by rules issued pursuant to this act."

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**Notes:**

# AMERICAN SAMOA

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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Qualifications:

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Exams:

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Scope of Practice:

No Information Available

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Notes:

# GUAM

<http://dphss.guam.gov/>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

- (a) graduation from a school or college of chiropractic, accredited by the CCE;
  - (b) completion at least one year of an internship training program satisfactorily; Accredited School of Chiropractic means a school of chiropractic accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education (“CCE”)
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## Exams:

Pass all exams currently given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

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## Scope of Practice:

Chiropractic means the science, art and philosophy of things natural, the science of locating and removing interference with the transmissions or expression of nerve forces in the human body by the correction of misalignments or subluxation of the articulations and adjacent structures, more especially those of the vertebral column and pelvis, for the purpose of restoring and maintaining health. It shall include the use of all natural agencies to assist in the healing art, such as food, water, heat, cold, electricity and mechanical appliances. The use of X-ray procedures shall be limited to skeletal X-rays and shall exclude the therapeutic use of X-radiation, the use of contrast studies that introduce dyes, isotopes or similar contrast media through the skin, orally, via cathertization or retrograde into any body cavity. It shall exclude operative surgery, prescription, or use of drugs or medicine, and laboratory procedures involved in the penetration of human tissues. Doctor of Chiropractic means a person who has completed training in chiropractic and received a Doctor of Chiropractic (“D.C.”) degree from a school accredited by the CCE.

Practice of Chiropractic means to represent directly or indirectly, publicly or privately, an ability or willingness to provide for the treatment by means of manipulation of the spine and prevention of human illness in accordance with the principles of chiropractic. Any person who is not licensed to practice chiropractic under these rules and regulations shall not hold out to the public, advertise, declare, represent or in any way proclaim to practice chiropractic, or use any titles, words, letters, signs, devices, techniques, maneuvers or modalities that could represent that he or she is authorized to prescribe or engage in the area of chiropractic or spinal manipulation, as defined under these rules and regulations.

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## Notes:

# NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

<https://cnmibpl-hcplb.net/resources/files/Chiropractic%20Regulations.pdf>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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## Qualifications:

Is a graduate from a college of chiropractic approved by the Board.

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## Exams:

Satisfactorily complete a written and oral, practical and demonstrative examination of skill in chiropractic technique (sent email to clarify) OR Diplomate Status with NBCE

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## Scope of Practice:

“Chiropractic” means the art, science, and practice of palpating and adjusting the articulations of the human body by hand.  
(b) “Chiropractor” means one who adjusts spinal column and other articulations of the body to prevent disease and correct abnormalities of the human body.

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## Notes:

# PUERTO RICO

<http://www.salud.gov.pr/Pages/Home.aspx>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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Qualifications:

Doctor of Chiropractic from a school accredited by US Council on Chiropractic Education

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Exams:

NBCE: Completed Parts I, II, III, and IV

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Scope of Practice:

Chiropractic. — Shall mean the science of the treatment of the human body by means of adjustments and manipulations for the purpose of correcting partial misalignment and subluxation of the spinal column, causing compression on the nerves, thus hindering the transmission of vital energy from the brain to the organs, tissues and cells of the human body.

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Notes:

# US VIRGIN ISLANDS

<https://doh.vi.gov/programs/permits-licenses-and-certificates>

License Classification: Chiropractic Physician

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Qualifications:

Doctor of Chiropractic from a school accredited by US Council on Chiropractic Education

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Exams:

NBCE: Completed Parts I, II, III, IV and the Physiotherapy examinations

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Scope of Practice:

Practice of chiropractic means the diagnosis and treatment of human ailments, as taught by a school or college of chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education, recognized by the United States Department of Education, including A) the detection and correction of structural and functional imbalance, nerve interference, distortion, misalignment and subluxations in the human body and their effects for the purpose of restoring and maintaining health; B) all appropriate physiotherapy procedures and other appropriate treatment to restore and maintain the nervous, muscular or skeletal systems and the general health of the human body by manual or instrument correction; C) the taking of case histories, examining and evaluating the patient, ordering or performing laboratory and other diagnostic tests, as needed, diagnosing the condition and then treating, managing, co-managing or referring to other specialists, as warranted; and D) the performance of health promotion and wellness procedures and services, including exercise, nutrition, weight loss, stress reduction, and education and counseling on general health matters, in accordance with the standards and practices of the Council on Chiropractic Education, recognized by the United States Department of Education.

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