It is our goal at UND to prepare students for any chiropractic school in the country. Our undergraduates have been accepted at chiropractic schools across the nation. Getting into chiropractic school is competitive. It is very important that you are well prepared and able to present the best possible application to chiropractic schools when you apply - good planning is key!

The Pre-Chiropractic Program is not a major or degree granting program at UND. In order to graduate with a degree from UND, you will need to:

- Choose a Major and complete the specific requirements determined by the department responsible for that major
- Complete the Essential Studies Requirements
- Complete 120 semester credits (36 of which must be upper divisional credits)

You will be assigned two advisors while pursuing your degree and the Pre-Chiropractic Program at UND:

- A major advisor (from your major department) to help with the planning of your major curriculum
- A Health Sciences Advisor (from the College of Arts & Sciences) to help with all aspects of chiropractic school preparation

Joining the Pre-Chiropractic Program is easy!

1. Incoming freshmen students should plan to attend Summer Orientation - you can declare Pre-Chiro at that time
2. Current or transfer students can declare Pre-Chiro by stopping in the A&S advising office or by calling 701.777.4974

Staying in the Pre-Chiropractic Program is hard!

1. **Incoming Freshmen** must:
   - Attend all freshmen group advising meetings during the fall semester
   - Attend one freshmen group advising meeting during the spring semester
   - Complete the following courses with a grade of C or better before the start of sophomore year:
     - Bio 150 & 151 with labs
     - Math 103 (may test out of this with an ACT Math score of 26 or appropriate Math placement test score)
     - Chem 121 & 122 with labs
   - Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher during freshman year
2. **Transfer students or current students switching** to Pre-Chiropractic after freshman year, must:
   - If not already completed at UND or transferred in, complete the following courses with a grade of C or better:
     - Bio 150 & 151 with labs
     - Math 103
     - Chem 121 & 122 with labs
   - Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher
3. **All continuing Pre-Chiropractic students** must:
   - Take Pre-Chiropractic courses as advised
   - Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher
Chiropractic schools consider a variety of factors when reviewing applications:

1. **Academics**
   a. **Undergraduate Preparation**

   While most chiropractic schools only require completion of 90 credits from an accredited college or university, we recommend that students plan to finish an undergraduate degree. This is because an increasing number of states require that chiropractors obtain undergraduate degrees before entering chiropractic school in order to be allowed to practice within their borders.

   All chiropractic schools have specific content or course prerequisites which are included in the UND Pre-Chiro Program (courses listed below). UND accepts AP and post-secondary transfer credits toward the completion of a bachelor’s degree in accordance with the NDUS policies of General Education Requirement Transfer Agreement (GERTA) and Common Course Numbering (CCN). UND also has numerous articulation agreements and course equivalencies with other academic institutions. You should, however, check with the chiropractic schools on your wish list regarding the post-UND implications of any AP, IB, CIS, CLEP, on-line, distance learning or community college work you plan to complete prior to your undergraduate matriculation.

   b. **Major**

   Chiropractic schools do not require any particular major, so the choice for a major is entirely up to you! You should pick something you are good at, enjoy studying, and fits your parallel plan—something you could see yourself doing as a career—should you not go on to chiropractic school. A list of each major and degree offered at UND may be found at: [http://und.edu/academics/registrar/fields-of-study.cfm](http://und.edu/academics/registrar/fields-of-study.cfm). Visit the Program Page of a particular major to see the opportunities and careers associated with that major, as well as coursework you will be studying with a sample four year plan.

   The combination of your major with the Pre-Chiro Program will directly contribute to the length of time it will take for you to complete an undergraduate degree at UND. Pursuing a major within the College of Arts & Sciences combined with Pre-Chiro can typically be finished in 4 years if both the major and Pre-Chiro are started freshmen year. Pursuing a major from a college other than Arts & Sciences combined with Pre-Chiro may take longer due to the required coursework sequencing and/or required practicums and internships. Please work with your assigned Health Sciences Advisor to determine the appropriate academic plan for your chosen major combined with the Pre-Chiro Program.

   c. **GPA**

   Since chiropractic school curriculum is considerably more challenging than any undergraduate curricula, you need to leave no doubt of your academic ability by excelling at the undergraduate level. The average cumulative GPA of recent chiropractic school matriculants is 3.20 – 3.40.

2. **Standardized Tests**

   There is no standardized test required for chiropractic schools.

3. **Life Experiences**

   a. **Shadowing**

   Get a good feel for the profession by shadowing several different chiropractors in different situations (own clinic, part of larger clinic or health care system, sports medicine, rehab, etc.)

   b. **Real World - Direct Patient Care experience**

   - Work or volunteer in a chiropractic office. You will need to spend considerable time with one or two chiropractors in order to get good recommendations from them.
   - Chiropractic schools also expect you to spend time working in general health care. You need to get a job in which you give direct medical care to patients, have a chance to observe all kinds of health care team members, and have a supervisor observing you (in case you want a letter of recommendation from them as well).
• Work settings can include hospital, rehab, clinic, group care home (nursing, disabled children or adults, Alzheimer’s unit, VA, etc.), hospice, home health, support services, phlebotomy, EMS, etc.

c. Community Service => These activities will set you apart!
  • Do things that you love, have a passion for, demonstrate your desire to serve others and give back, show your love of learning, let your leadership skills shine, etc.
  • These volunteer activities/paid jobs include, but are not limited to:
    o Lifeguards, first responders
    o Coaching/teaching sports (for park boards, travelling leagues, Special Olympics, etc.)
    o Camp counseling (church camps, day camps, medical camps, music camps, etc.)
    o Big Brother/Big Sister, Meals on Wheels, Relay for Life, etc.
    o Volunteering at your local city mission, free clinic, humane society, etc.
    o College organization participation or leadership (clubs, honor societies, sororities/fraternities, etc.)
    o College tutoring or TA positions
    o Medical missions trips (through college organizations, national organizations, or local churches)
    o Church work/sponsored activities (Sunday school teacher, youth worker, mission trips, etc.)
    o American Red Cross, Peace Corps

e. Keep a log of all hours
   Although formal documentation is not needed, you should keep a simple personal log for all experiences/work in a notebook – be sure to include dates, times, activities, impressions, and note any meaningful patients or experiences. You will also need to provide contact information for someone who witnessed you in each experience or circumstance, so make note of that as well!

4. Letters of Recommendation
   a. You will need 2-3 letters of recommendation or evaluation for most chiropractic schools.
   b. Letters need to address the personal attributes and academic abilities that make you a good fit for chiropractic school and the profession.
   c. Authors will have to include at least one chiropractor and one or two professors – all authors need to know you very well.

5. Legal Record
   a. Keep legal records clean. All minors and felonies will need to be disclosed on applications.
   b. Keep university records clean. Any institutional actions for code of student conduct violations (behavioral, academic, legal, etc.) will need to be disclosed on applications.
   c. Keep personal social media sites clean (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). Be sure to demonstrate integrity, maturity, wholesomeness and good taste in all postings (verbal, photos, pictures, etc.).

6. Home State Residency
   Chiropractic schools are generally not as concerned with residency as are other health professional schools because most chiropractic schools are not public institutions. If residency is an issue, most chiropractic schools consider your home state of residency to be where you graduated high school and/or where your parent(s) live. You do not become a resident of a state by just attending college there!
Courses included in the **UND Pre-Chiropractic Program** fall into one (or more) of two categories. These categories are:

1. Requirements for most chiropractic schools
2. Good electives for additional preparation for chiropractic schools (as recommended by former UND undergraduates)

The checklist below will help you keep track of your progress in the Pre-Chiropractic Program:

### UND Courses required/preferred by most chiropractic schools:

- Biol 150, 150L  General Biology I  
- Biol 151, 151L  General Biology II  
- Chem 121, 121L  General Chemistry I  
- Chem 122, 122L  General Chemistry II  
- Organic Chemistry (choose one)  
  - Chem 341+L & 342+L  Organic Chemistry I & II  
- BMB 301  Biochemistry  
- Anat 204, 204L  Anatomy for Paramedical Personnel  
- A Physiology course (choose one)  
  - Biol 442  Physio of Organs/Systems (for Bio majors)  
  - PPT 301  Human Physiology (for other majors)  
- MBio 302, 302L  General Microbiology  
- Physical Science  
  - Phys 161+L  Intro Physics I  
  - Phys 162+L  Intro Physics II  
  - Phys 211+L  College Physics I  
  - Phys 212+L  College Physics II  
  - Kin 332, 332L  Biomechanics  
  - Kin 402, 402L  Exercise Physiology  
  - Required for Biology majors  
  - Required for Chem/BioCh majors  
- Math (choose one)  
  - Math 103  College Algebra  
  - Math 146  Applied Calculus (needed for Physics 211)  
  - Math 165  Calculus I  
  - AP credit for Calculus  
- Psyc 111  Introduction to Psychology  
- Engl 110  Composition I  
- Engl 130  Composition II  

### Additional UND Courses recommended for chiropractic schools (take as many as desired – all are optional):

- Biol 315  Genetics  
- Biol 341  Cell Biology  
- Biol 369, 369L  Histology  
- Biol 390  Endocrinology  
- Biol 410  Molecular Biology  
- Biol 420  Neuroscience  
- MBio 328  Immunology  
- PPT 315  Pharmacology  
- Chem 333, 333L  Analytical Chemistry  
- N&D 240  Fundamentals of Nutrition  
- A Business course (your choice)  
  - Entr 101  Intro to Entrepreneurship  
  - Econ 201  Microeconomics  
  - Mgmt 300  Principles of Management  
- Comm 212  Interpersonal Communication  
- Psyc 250  Developmental Psychology  
- Phil 120  Introduction to Ethics  
- Foreign Language  
  - Spanish, French, German, Norwegian, Chinese, Latin
Your course schedule at UND will vary depending on your major. Ultimately, all students, regardless of major, will be able to take the courses covering the content they need for chiropractic school. The chart below shows complete major and Pre-Chiropractic **science and math** course schedules for both Biology and Chem/Biochem majors. For students pursuing other majors, only the **science and math** Pre-Chiropractic courses are listed so they will need to "pencil in" their major requirements as well. Also, all UND students will need to add any additional major requirements, Essential Studies requirements, and other electives to each semester in the schedules below as needed or desired:

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| Bio majors:    | `Bio 120` | `Bio majors:  
Chem 121, 121L  
Math 103` | Bio majors:  
`Chem 341, 341L`  
Biol 315 | Bio majors:  
`Biol 480`  
Biol requirement** |
| Chem/Biochem majors: | `Chem 101`  
`Chem 121, 121L`  
`Bio 150, 150L`  
`Math 103` | Chem/Biochem majors:  
`Chem 341, 341L`  
`Chem 361`  
`Chem 333, 333L`  
`Physics 211, 211L` | Chem/Biochem majors:  
`Chem 466+R`  
Biol 315  
Anat 204, 204L | Chem/Biochem majors:  
`BMB 401`  
`Chem 492?`  
Biol elective** |
| Other majors:  | `Bio 150, 150L`  
`Chem 121, 121L`  
`Math 103` | Other majors:  
`Chem 341, 341L`  
Biol elective**  
Major requirements | Other majors:  
`Physics 161, 161L`  
Anat 204, 204L  
Major requirements | Other majors:  
`Chem 333, 333L (for minor)`  
`Biol elective**`  
Major requirements |
| Everyone:      | Courses from Group 1* | Courses from Group 1* or 2* | Courses from Group 1*, 2* or 3** | Courses from Group 3** or 4** |
| **Spring**     |           |           |        |        |
| Bio majors:    | `Bio 151, 151L`  
`Chem 122, 122L`  
Math 146 | Bio majors:  
`Chem 342, 342L`  
Biol 341, 341L  
Anat 204, 204L | Bio majors:  
`Phys 162, 162L`  
BMB 301 or MBio 302, 302L | Bio majors:  
`Biol requirement**`  
BMB 301 or MBio 302, 302L |
| Chem/Biochem majors: | `Chem 122, 122L`  
`Bio 151, 151L`  
Math 146 | Chem/Biochem majors:  
`Chem 342, 342L`  
`Chem 362`  
`Physics 212, 212L` | Chem/Biochem majors:  
`BMB 301`  
Chem 467  
PPT 301 | Chem/Biochem majors:  
`Chem 495`  
Biol elective** |
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Biol elective**  
Major requirements |
| Everyone:      | Courses from Group 1* | Courses from Group 1* or 2* | Courses from Group 1*, 2* or 3** | Courses from Group 3** or 4** |
| **Sum**        | `Life Experiences` | `Life Experiences` | `Chiropractic school apps due 9-12 months before expected start date` |        |

* Courses in **Group 1** are **required for all majors** and include: Eng 110, Engl 130, Psych 111, Comm 110, and a Statistics class (Psyc 241 or Soc 326); additionally, the Chem/Biochem major requires a level 2 proficiency in a Foreign Language (i.e., Span 101 and 102)

* Courses from **Group 2** are **sensible electives** for all majors: Comm 212, N&D 240, Phil 120, Psyc 250, Business Course, Foreign Language

**Courses in **Groups 3 and 4** are options for Bio requirements/electives or other electives for other majors:**

- **Group 3** Fall courses: Biol 315, Chem 333+L, Kin 332
- **Group 3** Spring courses: Biol 341, PPT 315
- **Group 4** Fall courses: Biol 390, Biol 420, MBio 328
- **Group 4** Spring courses: Biol 369+L, Biol 410