



DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC PROGRAM MISSION

Becoming a Doctor of Chiropractic requires dedication to coursework and learning, including the development of physical, professional, and interpersonal skills. Success with any Doctor of Chiropractic Program (DCP) is also dependent on the student being properly aligned with the program's mission. Parker University realizes that DCP may not align with everyone's background or goals. The University seeks to admit those applicants that are a good fit for the DCP's curriculum and outcomes.

This information is meant to help applicants to the DCP best determine if they fit with Parker or would benefit from applying to a program elsewhere.

Parker University Vision

Parker University leads the way in patient-centric collaborative and conservative healthcare education, clinical practice, research, and service.

Parker University Mission

Parker University is a regionally accredited private university that offers certificate, undergraduate, and graduate degree programs in healthcare and business-related fields through multiple delivery formats and learning environments. The university espouses a culture of lifelong learning, research, and service.

Parker University provides its diverse population with support services and learning opportunities to develop the necessary skills for successful employment and career advancement.

Doctor of Chiropractic Program Mission

The Doctor of Chiropractic Program mission is comprehensive and aligned with the University mission:

Educate individuals as patient-centered chiropractic physicians and members of a collaborative interdisciplinary healthcare team while embracing education, research, and service.

When considering the Parker University DCP, it is important for applicants to understand that they will be participating in a program that places emphasis on the following educational and developmental positions:

1. Patient-Centered

Each patient is unique and though many people may have similar health concerns the manifestation of that concern varies for each person, as well as how it affects their quality of life. Parker chiropractors utilize evaluation and management techniques to determine the most appropriate diagnosis, effective treatment methods that are therapeutically beneficial for the diagnosis and patient's values, and objective measurements to identify the patient's response to care. While rendering care to patients, Parker chiropractors are expected to modify an approach based on a patient's feedback and objective

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response.

2. Chiropractic Physicians

Parker chiropractors are trained to be portal of entry physicians that identify neuromusculoskeletal conditions for treatment, strategies for patients to live better lives, and those conditions that should be treated by another health care professional. Parker chiropractors discuss each patient's concerns and health history to ascertain a differential diagnosis and examination plan and then utilize functional, manual, orthopedic, physical diagnosis, and imaging tests and techniques to diagnose a patient. Procedures and services including spinal and extremity adjustments, healing modalities, and therapeutic exercise and activities are used to care for patients according to the diagnosis, patients' values and goals, chiropractor's experience, current body of evidence, and applicable rules relative to scope of practice.

3. Collaborative Interdisciplinary Healthcare Team

Parker expects its Doctor of Chiropractic graduates to understand that it takes a team of professionals to keep people healthy throughout their lifetime and to work with other health care professionals in the best interest of patients.

4. Embracing Education, Research, and Service

Parker chiropractors should be dedicated lifelong learners and modify their beliefs, skills, approaches, techniques, and talents according to current information. Parker Doctor of Chiropractic students and graduates should participate in research activities and read and apply research information to patient care.

Parker students and graduates should make patient decisions based on balanced thought relative to *Clinical Expertise, Best Research Evidence, and Patient Values* and perform service to the institution, profession, and community.

Acknowledgement

Please read and sign this acknowledgment of the Principles and Program Mission when you agree that the Parker University Doctor of Chiropractic Program is right for you and you have had all your questions answered to your satisfaction.

Printed Name:

Signature

Date

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