

Chiropractor

Treat backs, necks and joints with your hands. A doctor's title and a private-practice income that starts slow and builds.

TYPICAL PAY

\$90,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$60k to \$150k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

7 to 8 years

after high school

DEMAND

Moderate

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

Yes

regulated job

WHERE YOU WORK

**Private clinics, multidisciplinary
rehab centres, sports settings**

How you get there

- 1 High school** Grades 11 and 12
Biology, chemistry, physics, math.
- 2 University science courses** 3 to 4 years
At least 3 years (90 credits) for CMCC (the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College). Most applicants finish a full degree. In Quebec, UQTR (Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières) admits straight from CEGEP (Quebec's pre-university college) into a program of about 5 years.
- 3 DC (doctor of chiropractic)** 4 years
Four years at CMCC (the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College) in Toronto: anatomy, diagnosis, X-rays, adjusting technique, and a final year treating patients in the college clinics.
- 4 CCEB (Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board) exams** Final year and after graduation
Three parts: written, clinical skills and a practical component.
- 5 Provincial college licence** A few weeks
For example the College of Chiropractors of Ontario. Includes a law and ethics exam.

Pros and cons

- + Doctor title and full independence
- + Hands-on work with fast, visible relief for many patients
- + Set your own schedule and clinic style
- Very expensive degree, then years of low income
- You must build and market a practice; no one hands you patients
- Physically hard on your hands, wrists and back

Good to know

Two schools in the whole country

CMCC (the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College) in Toronto, founded in 1945, and UQTR (Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières), which opened its program in 1993. That is the entire list.

Ontario stopped paying for it in 2004

OHIP (Ontario's public health insurance) delisted chiropractic in 2004. Today most Canadian patients pay out of pocket or through workplace benefits.

Optional boosts

Sports specialty. Acupuncture. Custom orthotics and rehab products. Clinic ownership.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Chiropractors, wages (updated Nov 2025)
Canadian Chiropractic Association
Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College: tuition and fees
Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board: exam fees

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in Canadian dollars, based on Government of Canada Job Bank wage data and published salary grids. They vary by province, employer and experience. Tuition is for domestic students. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/ca/careers/chiropractor>



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