

## Your Chiropractor A Well-Educated Health Professional

### *The Statistics*

With over 60,000 Chiropractors in the United States, they are the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest health profession, ranking behind only Medical Doctors and Dentists and are licensed in all 50 states.

### *What Kind of Education Do Chiropractors Receive?*

A study published in the Annals of Internal Medicine in 2002<sup>[1]</sup> revealed the following information about chiropractic education:

- ✓ Chiropractic students spend more time in the classroom (4,820 hours) than medical students (4,670 hours).
- ✓ Compared with medical students, chiropractic students spend more hours in anatomy and physiology but fewer in public health.
- ✓ Both programs have similar hours in biochemistry, microbiology, and pathology.
- ✓ Although medical students have more than twice as many hours in actual clinical experience, chiropractic students have 1000 more hours in didactic and workshop-like clinical courses.

Chiropractors are trained experts in musculoskeletal medicine and have the ability to treat the more than 37 million Americans who suffer from musculoskeletal conditions that cost our healthcare system over \$215 billion each year.<sup>[2]</sup>

### *The Chiropractic Profession Continues to Gain Respect*

As knowledge about Chiropractic continues to grow, so is the respect and acceptance it is gaining from the public. In fact, *Fast Company* magazine released its "Top 25 jobs to have over the next five years"<sup>[3]</sup> and ranked Chiropractor #4 behind

1. Personal Finance Advisor
2. Medical Scientist
3. Computer software engineer

According to the writers, "People are becoming more interested in alternative, holistic healthcare. Health insurance companies are also beginning to recognize the benefits, which bodes well for the practice's respect and reputation."

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