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POLICY

Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic accepts applicants who meet the qualifications and who demonstrate the ability to benefit from the chiropractic program and Sherman College.

Motivation, scholastic achievement and an honest desire to join a health care profession are particularly important factors. All applicants are required to submit a personal statement describing why they have chosen chiropractic as a career and have chosen to pursue their educational and career objectives at Sherman College.

Applicants are also encouraged to visit the Sherman College campus for a personal interview.

Sherman College offers equal educational opportunities to all persons without regard to age, race, gender, religion, veteran status, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status or disability. The college has committed itself to providing fair and appropriate chiropractic education to all qualified students. This applies to all policies and programs.

The prerequisite for admission to the Doctor of Chiropractic program is a minimum of 90 semester hours (135 quarter hours) of appropriate pre-professional education courses at an institution or institutions accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. International students will be admitted under Sherman College Policy 2006.

Matriculants must have an earned entering cumulative grade point average (GPA) of a 2.70 on a 4.0 scale, effective until 2011, at which time the impact will be studied to determine the necessity of further increases. In addition, all matriculants must have an earned cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 on a 4.0 scale for the required courses listed below.

In situations where one or more courses have been repeated, the highest grade may be used for GPA computation and the lower grade(s) may be discarded. No grades below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale may be accepted for the required prerequisite courses and only grades gained under the same course and its corresponding laboratory may be averaged.

Students will be required to meet an application and reservation fee deadline. They will be encouraged to submit their applications one year in advance.



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REQUIRED COURSES

All matriculants must present a minimum of 48 semester hours credit (or the quarter-hour credit equivalents), distributed as follows:

English Language Skills	6 semester hours
Psychology.....	3 semester hours
Social Sciences or Humanities	15 semester hours
Biological Sciences*	6 semester hours
Chemistry**	12 semester hours
Physics and related studies***.....	6 semester hours

*The biological science requirement must be met with two or more courses with unduplicated content, and include pertinent related laboratory experiences, which cover the range of material presented in the didactic portions of the courses. **Human Anatomy is strongly recommended.**

**At least 3 semester hours of chemistry must be general or inorganic chemistry, and at least 6 hours of chemistry must be organic chemistry and/or biochemistry. At least 6 semester hours of the chemistry courses must include pertinent related laboratory experiences, which cover the range of material presented in the didactic portions of the courses.

***This requirement may be met with either two unduplicated physics courses (of which one must include a pertinent related laboratory which covers the range of material presented in the didactic portions of the course), or 3 semester hours in physics (with laboratory) and 3 semester hours in either biomechanics, kinesiology, statistics or exercise physiology.

In the biological sciences, chemistry and physics (and related studies) that are specifically required for admission, no grades below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale may be accepted and only grades gained under the same course and its corresponding lab may be averaged.

In the event an institution's transcript does not combine laboratory and lecture grades for a single course grade, the admitting institution may calculate a weighted average of those grades to establish the grade in that science course.

All required courses listed above must have been passed with a "C" grade (2.0) or better.

Applicants are required to submit verification of laboratory experience if the lab was not listed as a separate grade on the transcript. Lab documentation is required for 3 semester hour courses and for "introductory" courses. It is assumed that a 4 semester-hour credit course included a lab and no further documentation is requested from the student.

Credits earned by C.L.E.P. or other proficiency examinations will be accepted. The credits must



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be evaluated by and appear on the official transcript of an institution accredited at the college level by an accrediting organization listed as nationally recognized by the Secretary of Education of the U.S. Department of Education. No more than 20 semester hours can be earned through C.L.E.P. or other proficiency exams. None of the science prerequisites can be acquired through proficiency exams.

In addition, students who hold a degree leading to licensure/registration in a health science discipline at the baccalaureate level or above with an earned cumulative grade point average that meets the current minimum required cumulative GPA for Sherman College, or who hold a baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency with an earned grade point average of at least 3.25 on a scale of 4.0, may be admitted to the doctor of chiropractic program upon presenting evidence that their academic preparation substantially meets the requirements for admission consistent with those noted above, providing the limitations of practice venue in the United States and other reciprocal jurisdictions are clearly understood by the prospective student. "Substantially meets" will be determined by the Admission Committee and a personal interview is required of candidates seeking admission based on this criteria.