



Academy of Chiropractic Philosophers (ACP)

Generalized Course Outline

Contrasting worldviews: study the differences between the outside in below up (OIBU) worldview and the above down inside out (ADIO) worldview and discuss the various applications of each. This presentation will help you become a leader in your community.

Contrasting doctrines: There are essentially two biological doctrines, vitalism and mechanism. Study what each is and self-evaluation by “student” to determine whether they are mechanistic or vitalistic in their doctrines and ADIO or OIBU in their worldview. This presentation will help you become a leader in your community.

DD Palmer’s Thoughts, Words and Deeds: An historical look is taken at the founder of the chiropractic profession. History is a part of each of us and we also become a part of chiropractic history. Together we can have a major impact on the world we serve.

The Thirty-Three Principles of Chiropractic: Many professions, especially in the “healing” arts do not have foundational principles upon which they base their actions. We will look at the story told by the chiropractic principles in deductive fashion, from the very general to the very specific, which helps a practicing chiropractor understand exactly who needs his/her service and why. This presentation can form the foundation for a successful practice if you select it to do so.

The Interbrain Cycle: There is much conversation about innate intelligence in chiropractic philosophy circles, but how about educated intelligence? What role does educated intelligence play in health care and how does it interface with innate intelligence? This presentation will help you put your biological doctrine and worldview in a context that you can deliver to your practice and community.

The Mental Impulse: The mental impulse is created at the vital spot for a purpose. While many “health” care professions acknowledge innate intelligence in some fashion and all “health” care professions work with the matter of the body, only chiropractic discusses what links the two. This is hard core, basic, chiropractic philosophy. Check it out and see that it is logical and not a belief system.

Biology of Belief: A review of some of the work and writings of Bruce Lipton, PhD. A cellular biologist writing about a vitalistic biological doctrine. Think, think, think. Only a knowledgeable Chiropractor can mesh biology with Chiropractic.

Normal Complete Cycle: A chiropractic explanation as to how life exists in both the concrete and abstract realms and how information moves from one to the other. Again, hard core, basic, chiropractic philosophy.

The Third Paradigm: Chiropractic has evolved, to the surprise of our critics, through two different paradigms and now a third paradigm makes the most sense of all. Self-assessment is a must before educating the folks in your practice and community.

Refined by Fire: Another look at the evolution of the objective of chiropractic. Do we compete with other “health” care disciplines? Should we? Do you understand chiropractic history? Do you want to? Does it matter to your community? There’s only one way to find out. Listen, digest, choose.

Tone: Chiropractic was founded on Tone, not whiplash and not low back pain, so let’s talk about it. What does this mean? Was it different then and is it different today? Understanding this topic can make a huge difference in your practice if you want to serve more families.

Revolutions in Science: A review of the writings of Kuhn, the man who coined the phrase “paradigm shift”. What is the science of chiropractic today? Are we happy with it? Does it serve the needs of the health care consumer? What does it take to create a revolution in science?

The Three Legged Stool: Chiropractic is defined as a philosophy, science and art. This presentation will show all three work together for the benefit of chiropractor and practice member.

Diagnosis: This is a look at exactly what diagnosis is. The student will then evaluate when, why, how and where diagnosis should take place.

Momentum and Survival Value: BJ Palmer talked about positive and negative survival values and how subluxation and chiropractic contributed to them. This presentation will give philosophical underpinning to anyone trying to educate others on healthy living. A side discussion will be the momentum of the chiropractic profession

Ethics: We will take a look at ethics, what it’s all about and how to be an ethical business person, professional and chiropractor.

Developing your chiropractic story: All of us have a story to tell and so does chiropractic. Do the two fit together neatly? Have you become accustomed to telling your story? Is there more to come?

Chiropractic Identity: What is Chiropractic? Who is responsible for defining what Chiropractic is?