



PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

POLICY

Sherman College of Chiropractic requires certain physical qualifications essential to the preparation of a doctor of chiropractic. The purpose of these physical qualifications is to ensure that students entering Sherman College will be able to perform in a satisfactory manner in the classroom, clinic and laboratory settings. These qualifications are as follows:

1. The student must have sufficient coordination of both upper and lower limbs to stand alone and perform chiropractic adjustive techniques and patient examination procedures.
2. The student must have sufficient manual dexterity to perform safely in all laboratory and clinical settings without posing a personal threat or endangering the safety and well-being of fellow students or patients.
3. The student must have sufficient auditory, vocal and visual acuity to obtain and record patient histories, obtain and record physical examination findings, and to take and interpret x-ray and to interpret microscopic findings.
4. The student must have sufficient tactile sensitivity and manual dexterity to perform analytical and palpatory procedures.

The applicant should consider whether he/she has the physical ability to perform these tasks. Physically challenged students will have to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Sherman College Admission Committee, that they are able to meet the physical qualifications stated above before being admitted to the program. If an applicant feels that he or she is not able to meet the physical qualifications, the college strongly recommends a discussion prior to enrollment as to whether the lack of such abilities might be reasonably accommodated and to what degree. The college provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Reasonable accommodations vary according to the type and degree of disability. Review of requests will be made on an individual basis and reasonable accommodations afforded, if any, will depend on the nature and extent of the disability, documentation provided, and the requirements of the curriculum. It is the responsibility of the student to provide the college with an up-to-date evaluation detailing his or her specific physical disability. Sherman College reserves the right to request that the student be re-evaluated by a trained evaluator from a college approved list, if the original documentation provided is not sufficient for a proper analysis of the student's accommodation needs. Ideally, this process should be completed prior to admission to the college. Reasonable accommodations that do not fundamentally alter college curriculum requirements and/or policies will be provided for qualified students with documented disabilities. The college is not required to provide aids, devices or services of a personal nature.

An application for accommodation is available through the Office of Student Affairs. The application must be completed and returned to the college with the required documentation.

For more information, see Policy 1038 – Accommodations.