**WHAT IS CHIROPRACTIC?**

Chiropractic was founded in 1895 by D.D. Palmer based on the principle that “function follows structure.” Mr. Palmer theorized that maintaining the biomechanical integrity of the spine (structure) results in optimization of the spinal and peripheral nervous system (function).

Chiropractic has evolved over the last 100-plus years to become one of the largest primary health care fields, providing a host of integrated health care options to resolve compromised health.

**CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS TREAT:**

- headaches
- sports injuries
- muscles strains
- joint injuries
- neck pain
- low back pain
- whiplash injuries
- extremity injuries
- ... and more!

**BECOMING A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN**

**INQUIRE**

- Contact an admissions advisor at UWS and they will help you every step of the way.

**ATTEND AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM**

- UWS has programmatic accreditation from the Council on Chiropractic Education (www.cce-usa.org) and the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (www.comta.org). The university holds institutional accreditation from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (www.nwccu.org).

**LICENSED AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- The UWS curriculum prepares students to pass necessary licensing exams and for private practice.
- UWS provides continued education at a discounted rate to alumni for the rest of your career.

“Chiropractic” comes from the Greek words “cheir” and “praxis” meaning: practice or treatment by hand.
A LOOK AT A CHIROPRACTOR’S...

DIAGNOSTICS
- physical examination procedures
- clinical lab tests
- imaging (X-rays, CT, MRI, diagnostic ultrasound) orthopedic and neurologic tests

TREATMENT
- manual therapies: adjustment, manipulation, mobilization, soft tissue therapies
- exercise strengthening and rehabilitation protocols
- taping, bracing, orthotics, supports
- physiotherapy modalities (diathermy ultrasound, etc.)
- dietary and nutritional counseling
- ergonomic assessment
- stress management
- wellness promotion and lifestyle coaching

WHY CHIROPRACTIC?
“The ability to help heal the entire body with just our minds and our hands is what pulled me towards chiropractic.”
- Jenna Ramji, DC, Class of 2013

WHY BECOME A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN:

ABILITY TO HELP OTHERS
- Make a difference in the lives of your patients. Provide aid to the sick, relief to the suffering and comfort to the health-compromised as a member of the greater health care community.

HOLISTIC, CONSERVATIVE HEALTH CARE
- Be an advocate for whole-body wellness through conservative, non-invasive, holistic, wellness-promoting health care protocols.

INDEPENDENT, DESIREABLE LIFESTYLE
- Chiropractic is among the most satisfying professions because chiropractors own and operate their own clinics and determine their own patient load schedules.

SATISFYING INCOME
- Chiropractic physicians make suitable salaries based on the level of care they provide.

RESOURCES
- American Chiropractic Association
  www.acatoday.org

WHY UWS
- emphasis on science, research and extensive clinical experience
- valuable hands-on experience in university clinics and through internships and outreach events
- additional Bachelor of Science and Master of Science programs can be taken concurrently with the doctor of chiropractic program
- comprehensive university library resources and human dissection lab
- located in beautiful Portland, Ore.
- financial aid and scholarships available to those who qualify

UWS GRADUATES
- emerge as primary care chiropractic physicians with expertise in the management of neuromusculoskeletal conditions and other health-related problems
- routinely perform among the highest in the nation on national board exams (see www.uws.edu for the latest statistics)