



# JOB of the Week



**Job name: Chiropractor**

**Job description:** As a chiropractor you'll use physical manipulation, massage and rehabilitative exercise to treat patients with a range of conditions, often related to the spine, including: arthritic pain; back, shoulder and neck pain; joint stiffness, pain and discomfort; muscular aches and sports injuries.

Using your hands to apply a specific force to free joints in the spine (or other joints of the body that aren't moving properly) your aim is to relieve pain, increase mobility and to get patients back to full health

## Tasks you will undertake in the job:

- take detailed medical histories from your patients, including information on previous injuries, surgery, general health and lifestyle
- conduct physical examinations, focusing on the spine and posture, and noting the range of movement
- take and interpret x-rays, if necessary
- check blood pressure and perform other medical tests if necessary
- make a diagnosis and explain it to your patient
- establish an appropriate treatment or management plan with your patient
- perform adjustments of the joints of the spine and extremities using your hands or specialist equipment
- perform soft tissue therapies, such as massage
- educate and advise patients on rehabilitation exercises to aid long-term recovery and techniques to ensure health is maintained
- keep accurate and confidential clinical records and liaise with other healthcare practitioners

## Qualifications you will need for this job:

To practise as a chiropractor you must be registered with the General Chiropractic Council (GCC), the statutory body responsible for regulating the chiropractic profession in the UK. To be eligible to register, you must successfully complete a GCC-recognised degree from one of the four following institutions:

- AECC University College in Bournemouth; London South Bank University; McTimoney College of Chiropractic (in Abingdon, Oxfordshire and in Manchester) and the University of South Wales

## Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

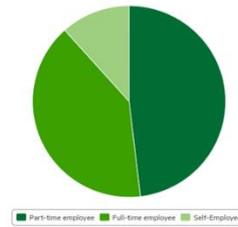
## Sectors in which Chiropractors would normally work:

### Top 10 industries for this job ?

Health	43429	Residential care	5267
Sport & recreation	2877	Social work	2588
Public admin. & defence	2454	Education	1966



Type of work (full time / part time):



**Salary:** A chiropractor will start on approximately £35,360 (experienced chiropractor) - The UK average salary is £28,758



**Working hours:** 39 average working hours in the week (37.5 working hours in the average working week) – normal working hours, perhaps travelling to and from clients / workplaces

**Workforce in the UK:** 17% male / 83% female workforce

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/chiropractor>

Many newly qualified chiropractors begin their career working for another chiropractor in private practice as an associate. However, with some experience and a potential client base established, there are many opportunities to set up your own practice within the early stages of your career. You can also work in partnership with other chiropractors or health professionals.

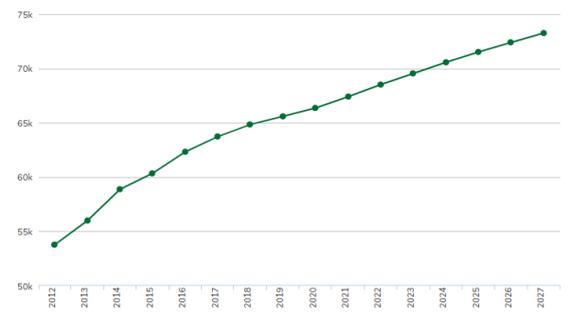
In order to create a successful practice, you need to build up a good reputation, which will lead to an increased client base. Marketing your business is important, and networking with other practitioners and complementary therapists may help.

Some chiropractors work in a group practice, while others may work in a more diverse clinic with other healthcare professionals, such as physiotherapists, acupuncturists and massage therapists. There may also be some opportunities for NHS commissioning, franchising and locum work.

**This job in the future:**

The workforce is projected to grow by 10.4% over the period to 2027, creating 5,000 jobs.

In the same period, 54.5% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 26,200 job opportunities.



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