

Chiropractic Neurology is defined as the field of functional neurology that engages the internal and external environment of the individual in a structured and targeted approach to affect positive changes in the neuraxis and consequent physiology and behavior.

The educational program for diplomate training in Chiropractic Clinical Neurology from the Carrick Institute consists of, but is not limited to the following:

- Neuron Theory and Receptor Activation**
- Neuromuscular Application**
- Peripheral Nervous System**
- Spinal Cord**
- Reflexogenic Systems**
- Autonomic Nervous System**
- Cerebellar Cortices**
- Spinal Cord and Cerebellum**
- The Brain & Its Environment**
- Brain**
- Cranial Nerves**
- Lobes of the Brain**
- Neurological Diagnostics**
- Sensory Systems**
- Pain**
- Head & Face Pain**
- Motor Systems**
- Peripheral Nerve Disorders and Neurophysiological Testing**
- Neurological Imaging**
- Clinical Applications I – VI**

This curriculum has been formulated so that those Chiropractors who desire a superior knowledge of neurology might obtain a standard which will enable them to better care for their patients and become referral sources for neurological diagnosis.

Each of the above listed modules is assigned 15 credit hours. The completion of the 345 hour Diplomate Program in Neurology will culminate in a thorough knowledge of clinical neurology qualifying the Doctor of Chiropractic to serve his/her patients, profession and society in a

competent and specialized manner. The Carrick Institute program qualifies chiropractors to be eligible to sit for the diplomate examination of the American Chiropractic Neurology Board (ACNB).

The Diplomate Program in Neurology Certification awarded by the American Chiropractic Neurology Board (ACNB) is fully accredited by the National Commission for Certification Agencies (NCCA), the accreditation body of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). The ACNB is the sole specialty Board in neurology recognized by the American Chiropractic Association. The American Chiropractic Neurology Board is the only specialty certification agency for the Chiropractic profession that is fully accredited by NCCA.

The NCCA helps insure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs/organizations that assess professional competency. The NCCA uses a peer review process to:

- Establish accreditation standards;
- Evaluate compliance with the standards;
- Recognize organizations/programs which demonstrate compliance; and
- Serve as a resource on quality certification.

The NCCA is an administratively independent resource recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations/programs. Based on sound principles, NCCA standards are optimal and comprehensive criteria for organizational process and performance. They are broadly recognized, objective, and current benchmarks for certifying bodies to achieve and by which they operate.

NOCA/NCCA is the International gold standard in professional accreditation. This accreditation serves the public need of protection while assuring all stakeholders of the integrity of Chiropractic Graduate Degree Programs in a Specialty area.

The purpose of the certification program of the American Chiropractic Neurology Board is to conduct certification activities in a manner that upholds standards for competent practice in the health care specialty of Chiropractic Neurology. The Board also conducts recertification designed to enhance the continued competence of the Board Certified Chiropractic Neurologist.

The population of candidates shall be Doctors of Chiropractic who have completed specialist training in neurology from a chiropractic college, university, institution, foundation or agency whose program is approved by the continuing education committee of the Commission for the Accreditation of Graduate Education in Neurology (CAGEN) of a minimum of 300 credit hours and who have demonstrated competency in both written and practical examinations administered by the Board in the specialty of neurology.

The Board shall administer examinations for the purpose of evaluating the candidate's proficiency in neurology and neurological subspecialties and shall issue the credential of DIPLOMATE OF THE AMERICAN CHIROPRACTIC NEUROLOGY BOARD (DACNB) to those candidates who are successful in its Board examinations.

Recertification is necessary in order to comply with NOCA/NCCA standards and to protect the public. The recertification program of the ACNB meets the standards of NOCA/NCCA and might be referred to as an example of necessary standards.

In order to protect and serve the public and profession, all Board Certified Chiropractic Neurologists must recertify their credential on a yearly basis. The recertification program is designed to enhance the continued competence of the Diplomate. The yearly public listing of Diplomates clearly indicates the Initial Certification date and Recertification Dates. The Board will supply the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards and the American Chiropractic Association with the yearly public listing of Board Certified Chiropractic Neurologists.

In order to enhance continued competence, all diplomats must complete a minimum of 30 classroom credit hours of continuing education in neurology each year in a program of study accredited by the Education Committee of the Commission for the Accreditation of Graduate Education in Neurology.