

Chiropractors

A guide for newcomers to British Columbia



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1. Working as a Chiropractor [NOC 3122]

Job Description

Chiropractors diagnose and treat problems with the spine, nerves, bones, and muscles.

Working as a chiropractor, your duties may include:

- assessing patients to diagnose problems
- treating health disorders in a natural manner through manual adjustments and other treatments such as electrotherapy, nutrition, and massage, with special attention given to the spine
- advising patients on corrective exercises, posture, lifestyle and nutrition
- referring patients for medical care when needed

Sources:

WorkBC <https://www.workbc.ca/careers/3122>

Career Cruising <http://www.vpl.ca/digital-library/career-cruising/> [profile for Chiropractor]

Industry Overview

There are approximately 1,200 chiropractors in British Columbia. Most are employed in the Mainland/Southwest and Vancouver Island/Coast regions of the province.

550 job openings are expected in the next 10 years.

Job Outlook in BC (2019-2029)

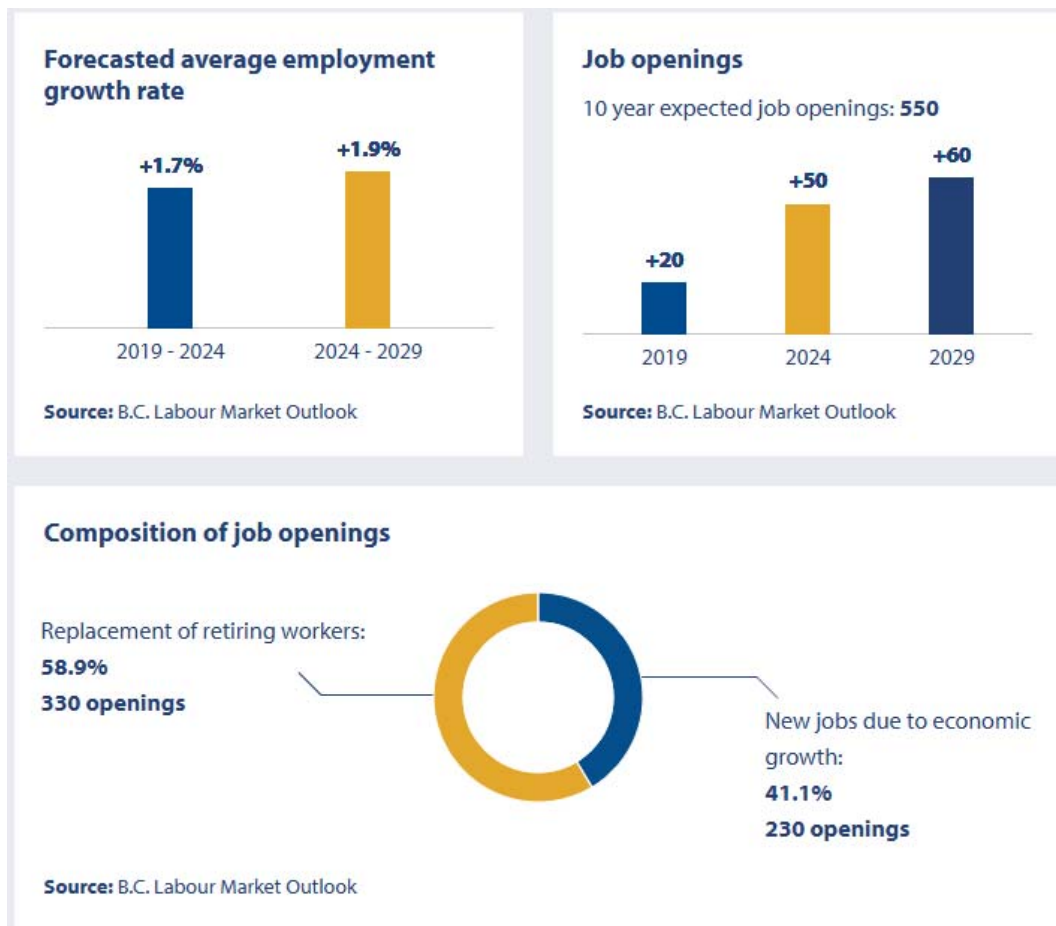


Chart from WorkBC

WorkBC provides job openings in BC regions from 2019-2029:

Region	Employment in 2019	Average Annual Employment Growth	Expected Number of Job Openings
Vancouver Island	220	1.5%	110
Lower Mainland / Southwest	670	1.8%	310
Thompson-Okanagan	130	1.8%	80
Kootenay	60	1.6%	30
Cariboo	n/a	n/a	n/a
North Coast & Nechako	20	2.9%	10
Northeast	20	2.6%	10

You can learn more about working as a Chiropractor in BC from:

- **WorkBC Career Profiles** <https://www.workbc.ca/Job-Seekers/Career-Profiles/3122>
- **Career Cruising** <http://www.vpl.ca/digital-library/career-cruising/> [profile for Chiropractor]
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Types of Employers

Chiropractors usually work in private practice, including group or team practices, and clinics.

Salary

The median annual salary for chiropractors in BC is \$53,032.

Most chiropractors are self-employed, which means you run your own clinic or office. Earnings can vary based on your location. Chiropractors in large urban areas usually earn more than those in smaller communities.

Community/Area	Salary (\$/year)		
	Low	Median	High
British Columbia	29,168	53,032	118,501

Chart: Job Bank Wage Report http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/wage-outlook_search-eng.do?reportOption=wage [Search 3122]

Your income also depends on how much you charge for your services and how many patients you see.

From WorkBC and Career Cruising database

Working Hours

Chiropractors generally work about 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week. You may set your own hours in private practice.

Evening and weekend work is common.

2. Skills, Education and Experience

Skills

- strong communication and interpersonal skills
- physical stamina
- patient, compassionate and enjoy helping people
- ability to work well with your hands

Education and Experience

- minimum of two years of university undergraduate studies in sciences
- graduation from a chiropractic program accredited by the Accreditation Commission of the Council on Chiropractic Education
- completion of the Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board (CCEB) exams
- registration with the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia

Qualifications

Chiropractor is a regulated profession in British Columbia

In British Columbia, registration with the **College of Chiropractors of British Columbia (CCBC)** is mandatory.

- ***Licensing & registration can be found at CCBC:***
<https://www.chirobc.com/registration-and-renewal/>

Internationally Trained Chiropractors

If your qualifications are recognized by the College of Chiropractors of BC, you will not need significant additional training, experience or assessment. This applies whether you were trained in Canada or internationally.

- ***Recognized Chiropractic Education Programs:***
<https://www.chirobc.com/recognized-chiropractic-education-programs/>

3. Finding Jobs

You'll find job advertisements in local newspapers, trade journals, and electronic sources, as well as through professional associations' publications.

Local Newspapers

You can look at the *Vancouver Sun* & *The Province* at Vancouver Public Library for free. Check the job postings daily, the careers section in the *Vancouver Sun* on Wednesdays and Saturdays and in *The Province* on Sundays.

Job White Pages

- Available in print at the Central Library or online at <http://www.vpl.ca/digital-library/jobfreewaycom>

NOTE: *You can only access this database from the Central Library or VPL branch libraries. Access is NOT available from home or outside the Library*

Online Job Postings

- **Practice Opportunities Listings, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College**
<https://www.cmcc.ca/alumni-friends/practice-opportunities-listing>
- **Healthcare Jobs.ca**
<https://www.healthcarejobs.ca/>
- **Indeed.ca**
<http://www.indeed.ca/>

Identifying the Right Position

When you browse job advertisements, you'll find different job titles that are relevant.

For chiropractors, look for this related job title:

- Doctor of chiropractic (DC)

Creating a List of Potential Employers

You can use directories to produce lists of employers who work in the healthcare sector in Vancouver or the Lower Mainland. Contact them directly to find out if they're hiring.

- **Find a Chiropractor, BC Chiropractic Association**

<https://members.bcchiro.com/code/find.php>

Membership directory includes names of chiropractic clinics

- **Reference Canada**

<http://www.vpl.ca/digital-library/reference-canada>

Click on "Start Search" beside Canadian Businesses, then select the "Advanced Search" button. Select both "Keyword/SIC/NAICS" under Business Type and "City" under Geography. In the top search box enter "*chiropractors*" and click SEARCH. Select the appropriate headings. Lower down, select the Province, choose the cities, and click the "View Results" button.

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4. Applying for a Job

In Canada, employers usually expect to receive a resume or curriculum vitae and a cover letter that identifies the position you are applying for and summarizes your relevant experience.

Use the library catalogue, <http://vpl.bibliocommons.com/> to find books on writing resumes and cover letters specific to your industry.

To learn about applying for jobs in Canada, use the following pathfinders which are available in print at the Central Library or online at <http://skilledimmigrants.vpl.ca/>.

- **Writing Resumes and Cover Letters**

Go to <http://skilledimmigrants.vpl.ca>

[Search Writing Resumes and Cover Letters]

- **Getting Canadian Work Experience**

Go to <http://skilledimmigrants.vpl.ca>

[Search Getting Canadian Work Experience]

- **Networking for Employment**

Go to <http://skilledimmigrants.vpl.ca>

[Search Networking for Employment]

- **Learn More About Working in BC and Canada**

Go to <http://skilledimmigrants.vpl.ca>

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5. Getting Help from Industry Sources

Industry Associations

Associations for chiropractors in BC and Canada provide information and assistance. Registration and fees are usually required for membership.

- **British Columbia Chiropractic Association**
<https://www.bcchiro.com/>
- **College of Chiropractors of British Columbia**
<https://www.bcchiro.com/about-us/college-of-chiropractors-of-bc/>
- **Canadian Chiropractic Association**
<https://www.chiropractic.ca/>
- **Canadian Federation of Chiropractic Regulatory and Educational Accrediting Boards**
<http://www.chirofed.ca/english/>

Industry Journals

Search for journals related to your profession. An example:

- **Journal of the Canadian Chiropractic Association**
<https://www.chiropractic.ca/jcca-online/>

Questions? Please ask the Information Staff in the Central Branch, Vancouver Public Library or telephone 604-331-3603.

Please note that the information in this guide is also available online through the Skilled Immigrant InfoCentre website at <http://skilledimmigrants.vpl.ca>.