

Requirements to obtain membership of the Belgian Chiropractors Union

Graduates, who are Belgian Residents, requesting membership of the B.C.U. immediately after graduation.

- The candidate has to **contact the BCU secretary**.
- He has to present a certified copy of his chiropractic **diploma** from a College accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education (CCE).
- At this point, the candidate will obtain a statute of temporary membership for a period of maximum two years after graduation. During this period of time he will have to successfully pass the **Graduate Education Program** (GEP) organized by the B.C.U., (compulsory since 1995).
- Having fulfilled all the above, he will be granted full membership by the B.C.U. council.
- The candidate will then have to comply to the regulations and the bylaws of the B.C.U.

Graduates, who are non Belgian Residents, requesting membership of the B.C.U. immediately after graduation.

- The candidate has to **contact the BCU secretary**.
- If the candidate is a European Union citizen and has no Belgian Nationality, he should follow the national administrative procedures for E.U. citizens moving to another E.U. country.
- For non E.U. citizens, the candidate should first contact the Belgian Chiropractors Union (BCU) for information concerning the immigration procedure for non EU-citizens. Our Union will advise him, among other things, how to obtain a work permit, which is very difficult to obtain.
- He has to present a certified copy of his **chiropractic diploma** from a College accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education (CCE).
- He has to present a certificate of **good character**.
- At this point, the candidate will obtain a statute of temporary membership for a period of maximum two years after graduation. During this period of time he will have to successfully pass the **Graduate Education Program** (GEP) organized by the B.C.U., (compulsory since 1995).
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Note 1: **The GEP consists of**

1. attend the INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR
2. write up and send off A PUBLISHABLE ARTICLE TO A SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL
3. write up 5 MORE DETAILED CASE REPORTS
4. complete 152 HOURS OF CHIROPRACTIC OBSERVATION
5. complete 48 HOURS OF SURGICAL OBSERVATION
6. attend 6 LIVE GROUP EXAMINATIONS (grand rounds)
7. attend 2 MOTION PALPATION SEMINARS
8. attend 7 TECHNICAL SKILLS LABS
9. attend 24 HOURS OF PGE COURSES
10. give ONE LAY LECTURE
11. give A 10 MINUTE CASE PRESENTATION to colleagues
12. sit the FINAL EXAMINATION

Note 2: An **affiliation right**, equal to two times the B.C.U. membership fee of the current year, is compulsory for chiropractors being in practice since **more than three years** and who did not fulfill the membership fees to the chiropractic association of the country where they practiced.

Note 3: The College of the B.C.U. reserves itself the right of the admittance or of the refusal of a candidate or to allow for exemptions of part of the requirements.