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 advice 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.
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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.