

Chiropractor Ranked #4 on Fast Company's List of Top Jobs

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What are the best jobs to pursue for the next five years? *Fast Company*, a magazine that chronicles how the business world is changing, has published its list of "The 25 Top Jobs for 2005."¹ According to *Fast Company*, the list "draws on the work of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Salary.com and an innovation expert to tap the top jobs."

The 25 top jobs were selected based upon four specific criterion:

- Job Growth Index (accounted for 35% of the overall index score);
- Salary Range Index (35% of the overall index score);
- Education Index (20% of the overall index score); and
- Innovation Index (10% of the overall index score).

Each job received a score of 0-100 for each of the above indexes. Those scores were combined according to the above percentages to arrive at the Total Index Score.

Coming in at number four on *Fast Company's* list of the 25 top jobs for 2005 is the job of ... Chiropractor.

According to the article, chiropractors "diagnose and treat problems related to a person's muscular, nervous, and skeletal systems, with special emphasis on the spine." The article cited advanced education, the trend toward alternative health, and insurance reimbursement as the reasons why "the job is hot."

The job of chiropractor had the highest score in the education index - a whopping 98.48. This beat out other jobs in the top 25 such as medical scientist (98.28), biochemist/biophysicist (96.48); epidemiologist (98.28) and lawyer (98.37).

Chiropractor also did well on the salary range index with a score of 84.93. This fell below personal athlete (100); security sales agent (89.36); and financial advisor (87.95), but bested the remaining 21 jobs.

The job growth index for chiropractors was not particularly high at 39.53. But that was still better than eight other jobs. Chiropractor was given a zero on the innovation index, but this was true for nine other jobs as well.

The 25 top jobs for 2005, according to *Fast Company*, are:

- Personal finance adviser
- Medical scientist
- Computer software engineer
- Chiropractor
- Environmental engineer
- Biochemist and biophysicist

- Sales manager
- Epidemiologist
- Computer system analyst
- Athlete
- Agent and business manager for artists, performers, and athletes
- Marketing manager
- Producer and director
- Actor
- Lawyer
- Advertising and promotions manager
- Management analyst
- Postsecondary education administrator
- Financial manager
- Actuary
- Airline pilot, co-pilot, and flight engineer
- Geoscientist
- Market research analyst
- Securities sales agent
- Medical and health services manager

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