

CHIROPRACTIC (GENERAL)

## **News in Brief**

Dynamic Chiropractic Staff

Giving Underprivileged Students the Chiropractic Opportunity

Southern California University of Health Sciences has received a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to support scholarships for disadvantaged students. One of 37 institutions to receive such funding, SCU will begin offering scholarships this fall.

"Allowing for a broader range of students at our institution will further grow the chiropractic profession as a whole, and increase the understanding of different health issues in various communities," said Miguel Valenzuela, research specialist for the Office of Supported and Institutional Research at SCU. "This is just the start of great things to come in making the health professions more accessible to these types of students."

## NPCO Joins 2012 LA Marathon

The Non-Profit Chiropractic Organization, which fielded a race team at the past two Chicago Marathons and will do so again this fall, has announced it is recruiting runners for an inaugural LA Marathon team. The marathon will take place March 18; learn more about how to join at www.npco.org.

## ABCA Makes Standards Changes

The American Board of Chiropractic Acupuncture (ABCA) has announced changes to the diplomate program for chiropractic acupuncture (DABCA) requirements: 1) 300 hours CCE-accredited chiropractic acupuncture training; first 100 hours (basic acupuncture) must be completed onsite and prior to starting a 200-300- hour program, and must be 60 percent didactic and 40 percent practical / hands-on. Practical portion must include live needling, clean needle technique, moxabustion and electric-device point stimulation. 2) The 2nd and 3rd 100 hours must be 90 percent onsite learning; 10 percent online / distance learning allowed. 3) 200- and 300-hour programs must be at least 30 percent practical / hands-on, 65 percent didactic. 4) Individual classes can only be taken once for credit.

The changes take effect following the September 2012 diplomate exam.

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