

North Carolina College of Chiropractic is Founded

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Under authority of the North Carolina Chiropractic Association (NCCA) and with support from the state board of chiropractic examiners, the North Carolina College of Chiropractic has been born.

On August 14, 1993, the NCCA Board of Directors voted to establish the college. On November 5, 1993, the chiropractic state board passed a resolution to "authorize and support education and training programs for continuing education for license renewal through the North Carolina College of Chiropractic."

Chairing the trustees of the college is Dr. Stephen Childers; Dr. Faye Eagles is vice chair, and Frank Kivett, founder of the college, is president.

The concept of a North Carolina College of Chiropractic was proposed to association leaders more than two years ago. The NCCA and board of examiners passed a joint resolution agreeing to study the need for a college. The governor, lieutenant governor, and leaders of the state house and senate appointed members to study the issue.

In 1992, under the leadership of Dan Blue, North Carolina speaker of house, and Henson Barnes, president pro tempore of the state senate, a legislative commission was established to study the need and feasibility of a chiropractic college in North Carolina.

Although \$25,000 was allocated to conduct the study, it was never completed, and a continuing of the study was never acted on by the 1993-94 general assembly. The study did however reveal that more than 100 students from North Carolina attending chiropractic college in other states, and that while there are 600 DCs in the state, there is need for 300-400 more DCs. Many counties in North Carolina have not a single chiropractor.

The development of the college as part of the state's university system is the goal of the trustees, and would of course greatly increase the chance of success for the college. The goal is to enroll the first students in the fall of 1995, the year of the chiropractic centennial.

The administrative office of the NCCC will temporarily be located at the NCCA office. The first order of business is to establish a site for the college. Curriculum development, selection of faculty, and the preliminary steps toward accreditation will follow.

Start-up costs for the college are estimated at two million dollars. A campaign has been initiated to allay the financial burden. The Chiropractic Education and Research Foundation, Inc., of North Carolina will be used to receive contributions, as this organization has tax exempt status. Contributions to the college are tax deductible.

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