



## **Policy 5      Equivalence of CCEI Member Agency Standards and Degrees/ Qualifications Awarded by Accredited Programmes**

### *Equivalence of Accreditation Standards*

As a requirement for membership in the Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI), the CCEI Bylaws note that all Member Agencies are required to be an independent, not-for-profit, in its nature and operation, accrediting agency for education of entry level chiropractic practitioners (CCEI Bylaws 11.2.3), have standards that meet or exceed the International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation established by CCEI (CCEI Bylaws 11.2.8), align with the mission and goals of CCEI (CCEI Bylaws 11.2.9), and comply with all relevant provisions of the CCEI Bylaws and Policies (CCE Bylaws 11.2.10). Furthermore, all Member Agencies are required to be "organized to assess and make determinations regarding the quality and content of educational programs that graduate entry-level chiropractic practitioners, with standards, competencies and processes equivalent to the CCEI Framework for International Chiropractic Education and Accreditation" (CCEI Bylaws 11.2.1).

The International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation is the basis and minimum benchmark for fundamental equivalence in assessment and accreditation of chiropractic education by Member Agencies around the world.

To determine that all Member Agencies' standards and processes meet or exceed those of the International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation, the published standards of all member agencies are reviewed to verify consistency with the International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation before an agency can be admitted to membership in CCEI. All Member Agency standards are further reviewed on an ongoing basis to determine consistency with the International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation.

A current version of all Member Agency accreditation standards and Member Agency constitutions (articles/bylaws) must be provided and kept on file with CCEI. The CCEI Board of Directors will review any changes to determine ongoing consistency with the International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation.

With all the above as a foundation, it is the carefully considered position of CCEI that the standards for accreditation, as published and implemented individually by all Member

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Agencies, are fundamentally equivalent. Their standards are highly effective as the basis and means for assessment and accreditation of chiropractic education by Member Agencies around the world. The consistency and quality assurance afforded by this equivalence is a sound basis for confidence in the accreditation practices of all Member Agencies. These agencies, along with various entities and individuals associated with the chiropractic profession, benefit from this mutual recognition of their individual accreditation actions.

### *Equivalence of Degrees/Qualifications Awarded by Accredited Programmes*

CCEI recognizes that numerous academic qualification titles are issued across countries around the world. Examples are included in Table 1. Due to this variation in credentials and variations in how and when articulation occurs between secondary and tertiary education, it is not possible to determine the quality of chiropractic education by degree title alone.

Therefore, CCEI confirms that credentials conferred by programs or institutions accredited by Member Agencies are issued after completion of courses of study that meet or exceed the International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation and are recognized by all Member Agencies<sup>1,2</sup>. CCEI confirms that these credentials, if issued from a program accredited by a CCEI member agency at the time, represent satisfactory outcomes (competencies) in terms of knowledge, attitudes and skills required for graduation as a chiropractor.

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<sup>1</sup> Countries and jurisdictions may have additional requirements for recognition of graduates from accredited chiropractic programs. These include but are not limited to: competency-based assessments ('Board Exams'), criminal history checks, and being in 'good standing' with current licensing/regulatory Boards. Additionally, bridging courses may be required to acquire additional competencies.

<sup>2</sup> Provided that the program or institution is accredited at the time of graduation of the individual.

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**Table 1 – Examples of various degree designations used internationally for the chiropractic profession**

| <b>Degree</b>                     | <b>Full Name</b>                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DC                                | Doctor of Chiropractic <b>OR</b> Diploma of Chiropractic (Diplôme de Chiropraxie) (Country dependent) |
| B.App.Sc. (Clin). & BCSc.         | Bachelor of Applied Science (Clinical Science) & Bachelor of Chiropractic Science                     |
| BSc, BClinChiro                   | Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic) & Bachelor of Clinical Chiropractic                                |
| B.App.Sc. (Compl) & M.Clin.Chiro. | Bachelor of Applied Science (Complementary Medicine) & Master of Clinical Chiropractic                |
| BChiro.                           | Bachelor of Chiropractic                                                                              |
| BChiro. & MChiro                  | Bachelor of Chiropractic & Master of Chiropractic                                                     |
| BSc. (Hons) Chiro                 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) Chiropractic                                                               |
| BTech. (Chiro) and MTech. (Chiro) | Bachelor in Technology (Chiropractic) & Master in Technology (Chiropractic)                           |
| BHSc Chiro, MClínChiro            | Bachelor of Health Science Chiropractic, Master of Clinical Chiropractic                              |
| MQuiro                            | Masters Propio en Quiropráctica (Master of Chiropractic)                                              |
| MChiro.                           | Master of Chiropractic                                                                                |
| MSc                               | Master of Science                                                                                     |
| MClínChiro                        | Master of Clinical Chiropractic                                                                       |
| BScChiro                          | Bachelor of Science (Hons) Chiropractic                                                               |
| BHSc                              | Bachelor of Health Science                                                                            |
| M.Chiro.Med                       | Master of Chiropractic Medicine                                                                       |
| Dr.Med.Chiro                      | Doctor of Medicine Chiropractic                                                                       |
| MTech (Chiropractic)              | Masters in Technology Chiropractic                                                                    |

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