

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

APPLICANTS FROM OVERSEAS

(all countries except EU and Switzerland)

In order to apply for the programme of study offered by the Barcelona College of Chiropractic you will need to show:

- That you have a qualification or award obtained after completing the secondary education. This includes **High School 12th year Graduation Certificate**, Baccalaureat and others.
- You will need to **demonstrate that you have studied enough science modules** preferably Biology or Chemistry¹.
- That you are **fluent in either English or Spanish²** and that you have enough knowledge **of the other language³**.
- To be **computer literate** at user level.
- **To obtain a student visa** (if not in possession of European Union citizenship)
- As well as this all candidates will need to pass **a personal interview**.

Some candidates might be requested to prepare and pass **the science entrance examination and/or attend a languages/sciences introductory course** (this will be decided by the Admissions Panel on a one to one basis).

¹ Exceptionally, good candidates with an insufficient level of sciences to enter the programme, will be invited to prepare and attend the BCC entrance examination and/or Introduction Course in September. Upon passing any of the two, they will be accepted to enter the programme

² You will need to provide proof of your level in both these languages except if one of them is your mother tongue in which case you only need to provide proof of the other one.

³ More information in relation to language levels at the end of this document.

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION (only applicable for those students who do not have a University Title):

1. **Ministry Certification (Homologación):**

In order to access the part of the programme offered in collaboration with the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, you will need to comply with the requirements for entrance into Spanish universities. At present that includes that you have **Homologado*** your secondary school award/studies:

- a. Link in Spanish: <http://goo.gl/8xJIU> .
- b. Summary information in English: <http://goo.gl/k8heS> .

“Homologación” is the process by which the Ministerio de Educación (Educational Department) will certify that your award/studies are equivalent to Bachillerato.

“Bachillerato” is the award obtained after completing the secondary education required to access university in Spain.

You can decide to obtain this either now or during the first three years of the programme. Entrance into the programme includes a signed commitment on your part that you will obtain the “homologación”.

2. **Selectividad:**

For the same reason, you will also need to pass the Spanish University Access Tests (“*Pruebas de acceso a la universidad*”, PAU), known as “**Selectividad Modalidad EEC (Convalidables)**”⁴.

These tests can be done at the UNED:

- a. Link in Spanish: <http://goo.gl/yhzu8>
- b. Summary information in English: <http://goo.gl/ocWlc> .

You can decide to take this examination either now or during the first three years of the programme (once you are proficient in Spanish). Entrance into the programme includes a signed commitment on your part to take this examination at some point during the first three years.

3. **Students over 25 years of age:**

Instead of the “Selectividad” you can do the *pruebas de acceso para mayores de 25 años (opción Ciencias de la Salud)*. Special exam for entrance into universities in Catalonia for students over 25 years of age.

⁴ Non-compulsory exam taken by students after secondary school, necessary to go into University.

HOW TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR LEVEL OF ENGLISH AND/OR SPANISH

The minimum level of **English** required is:

B1 (threshold) as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) as published by the Council of Europe.

The following exams all demonstrate that you have the required level:

- **TOEFL:** minimum 137 (computer based test), 487-490 (paper based test) or 57-86 (internet based test).
- **IELTS:** minimum 4
- **University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations:** minimum Preliminary English Test (PET) or, of course, any higher certificate (First Certificate in English (FCE), Certificate in Advanced English (CAE), Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE).
- **A pass in the BCC** language entrance exam (if you want to take this examination you must inform us as soon as possible. This exam will take place during the month of July at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona).

If you have passed another exam which demonstrates your level of English, you may send it to us and we will confirm if it is equivalent and therefore acceptable for admittance to the programme of study at the BCC.

The minimum level of **Spanish** required is:

A2 (basic) as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) as published by the Council of Europe. The BCC accepts:

- **Instituto Cervantes (IC) and Universidad de Salamanca (CIUS),** Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera DELE – B1 (nivel inicial) or any higher certificate (DELE – B2 nivel intermedio, DELE – C2 nivel superior).

- If you have completed a course at an official centre (for example the Instituto Cervantes or a University) we will accept a **certificate from the centre** specifying that you have completed a course of a **level equivalent to A2** (basic) or any other higher level.
- **A pass in the BCC language entrance exam** (if you want to take this examination you must inform us as soon as possible. This exam will take place during the month of July at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona) or in the **BCC Introductory Course** taking place in September.

PLEASE HAVE IN MIND THAT students coming from outside the European Union are required to have a **student visa**, for which the BCC can provide the necessary documents. Since the process to obtain a visa may last for several months, it is suggested to start the enrolment process as soon as possible.

To obtain more information about the visa process, you can visit the following link: http://www.universidad.es/degrees/university_admissions

If you have any doubt, please contact the Barcelona College of Chiropractic at the Student Coordination Office:

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