## Active Care of the Lumbar Spine for the Health Provider

Tuition: \$99 Hours: 6

#### Instructor

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# **Course Description**

This six-hour distance based course will provide Doctors of Chiropractic with current information concerning active care approaches to low back pain. Topics covered will include the epidemiology, orthopedic assessment, functional anatomy and biomechanics, active and passive treatment approaches to low back pain. The course is designed for the general practicing Doctor of Chiropractic. The learner's participation (time) is actively tracked and logged.

#### Evaluation

The learner's time spent studying course materials is tracked electronically. A learning outcome examination is administered at the termination of the course materials. There will be at least three questions for every hour of the class. True/False, multiple choice, short answer and essay questions may be used. A final score of 75% or greater is required for completion of the course. Learners not achieving the pass rate will be directed to additional study by the instructor and allowed to re-take the examination.

## Outline

#### Hour

- 1. Evidence for low back pain rehabilitation.
- 2. Concepts in spinal rehabilitation / Red Flags to active care
- 3. Movement pattern assessment as part of the orthopedic exam
- 4. Hip influence on lumbar spine pathomechanics
- 5. Hip mobility technique
- 6. Rehabilitative exercises

# Objectives

In this course the learner will:

- 1. Review the evidence supporting active care for low back pain.
- 2. Review epidemiological research of low back pain patients relevant to low back rehabilitation.
- 3. Define commonly used terms in low back rehabilitation.
- 4. Review red flags to conservative care of back pain.
- 5. Introduce novel approaches to orthopedic assessment of the low back.
- 6. Understand how the hip can influence lumbar spine pathomechanics.
- 7. Introduce soft tissue treatment options for the low back and hip.
- 8. Introduce joint mobilization techniques for the hip.
- 9. Describe basic rehabilitation concepts relevant to the lumbar spine.
- 10. Understand contemporary exercise progressions for low back pain.
- 11. Introduce advanced strengthening and neuromuscular retraining exercises for back pain patients.
- 12. Analyze the effectiveness of unstable surface training in rehabilitation and sports performance.
- 13. Describe rehabilitation program design concepts.

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