



New York Chiropractic Council Philosophy Position Statement

Chiropractic Philosophy is essential to the understanding of Chiropractic as a health care discipline. We are defined by our scope as an essential and different approach to healthcare, due to our philosophical understanding regarding the nature of healing. The Chiropractic Philosophy has been defined by medical anthropologists as essential to the survival of the Chiropractic Profession. The use of logic, based on epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, aesthetics, and politics, as well as the use of induction, deduction and empiricism, based on the sciences of biology, physiology, anatomy, neurology, biochemistry and radiology, form the foundation of our understanding of Chiropractic as a way of accessing the inborn healing ability which goes by many titles including *Vis Medicatrix Naturae* & Innate Intelligence of the body. We consider the Science of Vitalism & recognize that the healing ability in the whole body is greater than the sum of the parts.

This committee will serve the membership by bringing programs that delve into and explore the various elements of the philosophy and how that advances the practicing Chiropractor's understanding of our Chiropractic Philosophy. These programs, by continuing the Philosophical understanding of the practicing Chiropractor, may help to advance the cultural authority that Chiropractic needs to develop by continuing to explore our different approach to healthcare and how that benefits the public we serve.