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LIFE UNIVERSITY DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC STUDENTS HONORED AT CLINIC GATEWAY CEREMONY

Marietta, Georgia, April 14, 2021 – [Life University](https://www.life.edu) (LIFE) celebrated 75 [Doctor of Chiropractic \(D.C.\)](#) students at a Clinic Gateway ceremony on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. The event marked a milestone for the students as they begin the clinical phase of their educations, according to LIFE Director of Clinics Dr. Joseph R. Forese.

Founded in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution most known for its [D.C. program](#), the largest single-campus chiropractic program in the world. The rigorous 14-quarter program typically takes students four years to complete. The [curriculum structure](#) is logical and sequential, combining hands-on training and academic rigor, which develops students into highly-skilled chiropractic health care clinicians.

Dr. Forese noted that this Clinic Gateway was different than those in years past, due to the University's physical distancing requirements and other preventive measures amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The scaled-down ceremony was limited to the participating students only, although family members, classmates and friends had the opportunity to witness the event through a livestream. Dr. Forese credited LIFE Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Tim Gross for securing a location for the event.

"We are proud of all of our students, staff and faculty with all they continue to achieve under very difficult circumstances as we celebrate this happy occasion with them," he said.

In their eight quarter, Life University D.C. students begin Level I of their clinic experience as interns at the [Campus Center for Health and Optimal Performance](#) (CC-HOP), located in the William M. Harris Center for Clinical Education. At CC-HOP, students work closely with highly experienced LIFE faculty members to develop their techniques as they provide chiropractic services to their fellow LIFE students.

Beginning in their 10th quarter, D.C. students move to Level II of their clinical education by treating patients at the [Center for Health and Optimal Performance](#) (C-HOP), the public outpatient clinic located on the LIFE campus. During their 13th and 14th quarters, students transition to Level III and, if they qualify, have the added option of interning at the [LIFE Chiropractic Clinics](#) in Midtown Atlanta and Marietta or in the office of a Life University extension faculty member elsewhere in the U.S. or internationally through the [Practice, Excellence, Art and Knowledge \(PEAK\) program](#).

Life University also offers [13 undergraduate degrees](#), as well as a pre-chiropractic, degree-seeking pathway. [Three graduate degrees](#) are available, encompassing areas of sport health



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science, clinical nutrition and positive psychology. Some degree programs are offered to distance learners through the [College of Online Education](#).

Life University [strives to empower its students](#) to succeed both professionally and personally. LIFE advances a leading-edge approach to higher education while also remaining true to [the University's philosophical commitment](#) to produce informed leaders who exemplify humanistic values in their professions. To achieve this goal, LIFE recognizes and demonstrates its dedication through three official Life University Values: [Lasting Purpose](#), [Vitalism](#) and [Integrity](#).

[LIFE's 110-acre campus](#) just northwest of Atlanta is home to more than 2,800 undergraduate, graduate and professional students who come from all 50 United States and more than 45 countries.

Additional details on Life University's College of Chiropractic Education, including D.C. curriculum and admissions requirements, are available at [LIFE.edu/Academic-Pages/Chiropractic-Program](#).

Learn more about LIFE's Clinic System at [Clinics.LIFE.edu](#).

For more information on Life University, please visit [LIFE.edu](#).

About Life University

Life University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees, and also has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The mission of Life University is to empower students with the education, skills and values necessary for career success and life fulfillment, based on a vitalistic philosophy.

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