**GRADUATE STUDIES APPLICATION- PERSONAL ESSAYS**

**General Instructions**

These essays along with your curriculum vitae and letters of reference are components of your application that will aid the Selection Committee in obtaining a better understanding of your non-academic attributes and activities. Part A is composed of standardized essays. In Part B, you are required to submit two brief essays outlining activities and/or achievements from your curriculum vitae that you believe best exemplify the attributes that align with the exit competencies from the CMCC Graduate program. All essays must be 250 words or less.

*Graduate Studies Program - Exit Competencies*

Upon successful completion of the graduate program the learner will be able to reliably demonstrate the ability to:

* Knowledge
	1. Generate new and/or advance clinical knowledge in their field of expertise
	2. Integrate in depth knowledge of key program areas in clinical and academic applications
	3. Demonstrate lifelong learning attributes in professional practice to remain at the forefront of their discipline
	4. Self reflect in a critical manner in order to identify what is known and not known
* Scholarship
	1. Translate complex scholarly ideas for health care stakeholders
	2. Contribute to a body of knowledge through conducting research to address a new question, specific problem or related professional issue
	3. Mount a sustained scholarly argument employing a command of scholarship
* Leadership
	1. Engage in their specialized field and the chiropractic profession with intellectual and professional authority
	2. Assume a leadership role within the context of the profession
	3. Differentiate their role within the broader context of related health care professions
	4. Advocate health and ethical practice

* Skilled Performance
	1. Apply diagnostic and therapeutic skills successfully in complex clinical situations
	2. Synthesize information efficiently to problem solve clinical situations
	3. Adapt to unique professional environments such as clinical, community liaison, professional associations, interprofessional collaboration, consulting and expert witness
	4. Applies principles of reflective practice including reflecting critically in action and on action in order modify performance
	5. Manage health issues by coordinating related activities at the micro, meso, and macro levels
	6. Modify assessments and treatments in a creative, informed and innovative manner when appropriate
* Communication
	1. Communicate in an expert and authentic manner
	2. Represent their profession and perform procedures with authority and skill
	3. Educate others in and about their professional field
	4. Collaborate effectively with other health professions
	5. Communicate effectively in different media

**Applicant Essays**

1. What does patient self-care mean to you and how does this contribute to the management of musculoskeletal conditions? (*Max 250 words*)

1. In your opinion, is social media appropriate to promote health care? (Max *250 words*)

1. Please identify one specific exit competency from the CMCC Graduate program.  Provide a brief essay outlining activities and/or achievements from your curriculum vitae that you believe best exemplify the attributes that align with the identified exit competency. (*Max 250 words*)

1. What is it about the program that appeals to you? (Max *250 words*)