JOBS

Chiropractic Care Seen as One of the Best Career Opportunities

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(NU) - With the economy still so tepid that about 75 percent of all new jobs created this year were part-time, guess which occupation is expected to see an employment growth rate that's faster than the average of all others?

(*Hint:* It's not coffeehouse baristas, all those recent college grads working shifts notwithstanding.)

Give up? Chiropractors – with employment projected to rise 28 percent from 2010 to 2020, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Here's what helps explain why Careercast.com ranks these specialists in spinal health and overall well-being No. 11 (out of 200) on its 2013 annual "Jobs Rated" report:

• **Personal Satisfaction.** How cool is it knowing you're providing patients relief from debilitating headaches, back, neck and joint pain? Well, the American Journal of Public Health reported that "chiropractic patients were found to be more satisfied with their back care providers after four weeks of treatment than were medical patients."

• Market Demand. You've got a general public increasingly interested in nonsurgical and drugfree based treatments – chiropractic care's essence – plus all those baby boomers desperate to main-



Doctors of Chiropractic jobs are expected to increase through 2020.

tain their active lifestyles. "Time and again, we've seen patients spared surgery through chiropractic care," says David O'Bryon, JD, CAE, executive director of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges, who recently launched a strategic partnership with the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress (www.yes2chiropractic.org). "Chiropractic's whole-patient approach enlists the body's own healing processes, naturally."

• **Career Flexibility.** Owning your practice means you're the boss. But other options include associating with an established chiropractor, teaching, conducting research, working within an on-site corporate health clinic and specializing in budding fields like sports performance.

For more information about a career in chiropractic, visit: www.discoverchiropractic.org.