

## ICA POLICY STATEMENT ON

### ***Postgraduate Chiropractic Continuing Education: Certification and Diplomate Programs***

The International Chiropractors Association holds that all chiropractic graduate education, continuing education, certification and diplomate programs; and independent education programs intended to advance the knowledge and skill of chiropractic practitioners and chiropractic students, should be provided only to chiropractors holding a D.C. degree granted by an accredited chiropractic college or to chiropractic students enrolled in an accredited chiropractic college.

Programs promulgated and presented through accredited chiropractic colleges, and those given by independent chiropractic educators, researchers, clinicians and technique developers are intended for chiropractors and chiropractic students who possess baseline knowledge that can only be obtained through a formal chiropractic education. Such courses are not intended for those with no formal education in a doctor of chiropractic program.

The ICA holds that it is the responsibility of those providing such programs to carefully monitor the participants to determine their status as chiropractic students of doctors of chiropractic.

Practitioners of other healing professions, therapists, lay people and anyone not enrolled or a graduate of an accredited chiropractic college lack basic chiropractic skills and information to properly utilize materials taught in postgraduate educational programs. Attempting to utilize such information in their practice could be detrimental to patients and under many circumstances *could* be nothing less than fraudulent.