



DAVID D. PALMER Health Sciences Library

Special Collections and Archives

Collection Development Policy

Policy Number: S-01

Purpose

The Special Collections and Archives department of the David D. Palmer Health Sciences Library preserves and makes accessible materials detailing the history of the Palmer College of Chiropractic, the wider chiropractic profession and related healthcare fields.

Collecting Focus

- Palmer College history
- Palmer Family history
- Papers on key chiropractors
- All materials on all aspects of chiropractic and in all languages and editions.
- All materials on the spine and/or manipulative therapy.
- Representative or important works on osteopathy, homeopathy, naturopathy, acupuncture, and/or health care modalities that employ neither drugs nor surgery.
- Materials which reflect the scientific and sociological trends which influenced the formation of chiropractic.

Type of Materials

We collect books, journals, pamphlets, newspapers, yearbooks, manuscript papers, oral histories, photographs (including class composites), memorabilia, ephemera, blueprints, posters, audiovisual material (such as reel-to-reel tapes, cassettes, phonograph records, films, videos, DVDs), textbooks, and teaching materials.

Number of copies

- We collect 3 copies of Palmer produced items and 2 copies of non-palmer produced items.
- Given the limitations on storage space for our collections, we cannot accept duplicate copies of items already held in the Special Collections and Archives.
- Exceptions may be made in instances where an extra copy has unique features such as providence or marginalia.

Physical Condition

The Special Collections and Archives do not have dedicated preservation and conservation resources, so we try to acquire materials in the best physical condition. Exceptions may be made for rare or scarce items, in less than perfect condition.