National was one of the first to offer hospital experience for chiropractic students (at Cook County General in the teens and 1920s).

National’s faculty pioneered in developing flexion-distraction therapy – in the 1930’s!

National was the first to make anatomical instruction by dissection a permanent feature of its curriculum (in fact, that’s one of the reasons why the founder, Dr. John Howard, moved the school to Chicagoland – there just weren’t enough dead bodies for dissection back in Davenport, Iowa!)

National was the first to establish a blind-peer-reviewed scientific journal indexed by the National Library of Medicine – the Journal of Manipulative & Physiological Therapeutics – JMPT.

National was first to make whole-body diagnosis a core component of the chiropractic curriculum.

National was first to offer in-depth instruction in physiological therapeutics – even before there was a physical therapy profession.

National is one of only two schools in the U.S. that teach chiropractic medicine, naturopathic medicine and acupuncture and oriental medicine on one campus.

National is the only school to require a baccalaureate degree for admission to chiropractic studies.