



AECC University College

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Record number of students celebrate degree success at AECC University College's graduation ceremony

The next generation of health professionals celebrated their achievements on Friday 24 November, as they graduated from AECC University College, Bournemouth's latest addition to the local Higher Education landscape. The University College awarded 242 qualifications in total at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including students who completed the Institution's flagship Master of Chiropractic degree.

AECC University College's Principal, Professor Haymo Thiel, led the proceedings, and emphasised that the University College's graduates have a unique professional identity and a set of values and principles that will allow them to continue their quest for lifelong learning and aid them in distinguishing themselves in their chosen career.

Professor Haymo Thiel reflected on the ceremony: "Education is about changing things, it is about changing of lives, our lives and the lives of those around us. Our graduates' achievements, recognised through the conferment of academic awards, are the launch-pad for an amazing opportunity and journey that has absolutely no limits. A journey which will be full of opportunities and challenges, a journey for which they are now equipped to continually learn, adapt and change in order to succeed in this fast paced and increasingly competitive world."

Since 1965, the Institution has become a distinctive and expert provider of education, clinical training and research within the field of health sciences, graduating professionals with the knowledge and skills that are highly sought by the national and international job market. 95% of AECC University College graduates are in a professional or managerial employment six months after the course, based on recent DLHE data; a positive and reassuring message to those going out into the workforce. Graduates leave AECC University College to hold positions in a range of reputable positions in both the private and public sector, as well as continuing their studies within health professions. Academic Registrar, Karen Pichlmann, commented: "Our graduates achievements here at AECC University College are only the start of many more in their future careers. Being a part of that journey is a pleasure and honour for everyone at the University College."

The University College conferred Richard Brown as an Honorary Fellow of AECC University College, the highest honour that the University College can bestow. Richard is an AECC University College graduate from 1990, and over his 30 year career has contributed immensely to the chiropractic profession, and joins past Honorary Fellows such as HRH Princess Diana.

The ceremony took place at Bournemouth's iconic Pavilion Theatre, with music provided by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra whose repertoire was specially chosen to represent the 29 nationalities of the graduating students, with music from their countries. Guests of honour included the Mayor of Bournemouth, Councillor Lawrence Williams and Mayoress, Mrs Elaine J Williams. Friends and family travelled from across the globe to attend the ceremony, with some coming from as far as Japan and Malaysia. Attendees were not the only international element, with flowers brought in from Holland to match the Institution's striking brand colours.

AECC University College offers a number of undergraduate and postgraduate study opportunities, along with short courses and continued professional development seminars.

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Images: AECC University College Graduation 2017

DLHE (Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education) Survey

The Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey collects information on what all leavers from higher education (HE) programmes are doing six months after qualifying from their HE course. Higher education institutions (HEIs) have used the DLHE survey in its current form since 2002-03. It was known before as the First Destination Survey.

Individual HEIs fund and administer their own surveys, using materials provided by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).

Data is returned to HESA, which publishes the results of the survey annually in July. They also use the data in their employment performance indicators published in July.

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Based in Bournemouth, AECC University College is a highly esteemed, global pioneer in musculoskeletal healthcare, dedicated to excellence in education, clinical training and research. The University College provides specialist study in health sciences at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, with state-of-the-art facilities, high quality teaching and a regarded level of professionalism. With over 50% of students coming from outside of the UK, the single-campus is a thriving, supportive and inclusive community, constantly at the forefront of engaging with others, collaborating with a number of partner organisations, businesses and other universities. The continued investment in facilities, clinical teaching and higher education has been central to being awarded Taught Degree Awarding Powers and University College designation.

AECC University College's facilities include the Chiropractic Clinic, School of Medical Ultrasound with specialist imaging services, and the on-site Bournemouth Open Upright MRI facility. Alumni, research and collaborations span many countries and continents which gives emphasis to AECC University College's reputation as global leaders in their specialist areas. The University College has a history of innovation and is the sum of all its students, staff and alumni who have shaped and are shaping the fields of health sciences.

The first chiropractic college in Europe, founded in 1965, the AECC University College has a unique history and a proud heritage.

Find out more about AECC University College: www.aecc.ac.uk

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