

## **MChiro (Hons) Year 3 / level 6 units (total credit value 120 credits at level 5)**

### **Clinical management III (20 credits at level 5)**

This unit enables you to develop and apply knowledge and skills from previous Clinical management units (I and II). You will focus on individualised patient management using a wide range of therapeutic interventions from functional rehabilitation, manual therapy and behavioural psychology. You will be required to evaluate critically your patient management strategies and be able to justify when therapeutic techniques are or are not appropriate in a given clinical scenario. You will practice the skills associated with clinical decision making and reasoning under controlled conditions.

The unit will be delivered through a combination of lectures, tutorials and practical skills laboratories. Learning will be encouraged through activities including online materials, directed learning, video coaching tools, peer review and instructional manuals.

This unit will be assessed by a practical skills assessment (pass/fail), coursework (40%) and examination (60%).

### **Clinical imaging (20 credits at level 6)**

This unit develops the knowledge and skills you require for the safe and competent acquisition and interpretation of radiological and other imaging investigations relevant to the range of conditions and presentations commonly seen by chiropractors. You will learn your personal responsibilities, as a practitioner, in relation to patient safety, and the steps required for full compliance with current legislation and regulations relating to ionising radiation.

The unit will be delivered through a combination of lectures, tutorials and practical skills laboratories. Learning will be encouraged through activities including online materials, directed learning, video coaching tools, peer review and instructional manuals.

This unit will be assessed by a practical skills assessment (pass/fail, examination (60%) and coursework (40%).

### **Diagnosis II (20 credits at level 6)**

The aim of this unit is to review, consolidate, extend and apply knowledge gained in 203 Diagnosis I, and other units, in Year 2. You will practise your assessment of patient presentations, therapeutic interventions and appropriate clinical management of lumbar spine, pelvis, lower limbs and abdominal presentations. You will learn to assess a wide range of patient presentations, make appropriate clinical judgements on further assessment, therapeutic intervention, and referral or other management issues often with insufficient information and in difficult situations. This will require the appropriate application of previously learned problem solving techniques in complex and unpredictable contexts.

The unit will be delivered through a combination of lectures and practical skills laboratories. Learning will be encouraged through activities including online materials and directed learning.

This unit will be assessed by examination (100%) and a practical skills assessment (pass/fail).

### **Diagnosis III (20 credits at level 6)**

In this unit you will consolidate relevant knowledge from Year 2 and practise your assessment of patient presentations, therapeutic interventions and appropriate clinical management in cases with disorders of the central and peripheral nervous system including disorders of balance, dizziness and head pain. You will consider complex patient presentations, triage strategies and justifiable differential diagnoses across a variety of presentations.

The unit will be delivered through a combination of lectures and practical skills laboratories. Learning will be encouraged through activities including online materials and directed learning.

This unit will be assessed by examination (100%) and a practical skills assessment (pass/fail).

### **Research project (20 credits at level 6)**

This unit will expose you to the process of planning a research study, requiring you to formulate a research question, conduct a background review of the literature and apply your knowledge of research design to formulate a protocol and ethics proposal which would be feasible to use to generate original findings. By creating a research protocol you will be aware of the processes involved in synthesising data, the potential problems and biases inherent in different research designs and will help to contextualise the use of evidence within the evidence based healthcare setting.

The unit will be delivered through a combination of online learning materials, lectures and tutorials. Learning will be encouraged through student centred activities including online materials and directed learning. Students will be guided through the project by a supervisor from the AECC faculty.

This unit will be assessed by coursework (100 %).

### **Clinical internship I (20 credits at level 6)**

This unit introduces direct healthcare for the chiropractor, allowing you a graded exposure to clinical life and encouraging the integration, organisation and application of knowledge gained from other units to the management of patients, in a supervised clinical setting. You will expand your clinical knowledge to include an understanding of the diverse needs of patients in special populations. You will contextualise your learning within the policies, protocols, customs and practice of the AECC outpatient clinic, standards expected of registered chiropractors, and the wider healthcare community. You will complete structured clinical observations in the AECC teaching clinic, observe in the exercise centre and radiology department, and attend a community outreach event.

The unit will be delivered through a combination of lectures, small group work, invited lectures/tutorials clinic observations and supervised practice in the AECC outpatient clinic. A key part of learning is your reflection on clinical encounters and development of your own learning needs.

This unit will be assessed by coursework (40 %) and examination (60%).

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