

## **MChiro (Hons) Year 4 / level 7 units (total credit value 120 credits at level 7)**

Your learning in year 4 is divided into 4 units: Clinical internship II (Unit 401), Marketing and small business management (Unit 402), Professional and ethical practice (403) and Research informed practice (404).

### **Clinical internship II (60 credits at level 7)**

This unit continues and expands on themes developed in Clinical internship I. At successful completion of the unit you will assume the responsibilities of an independent practitioner and be comfortable with operating autonomously. Emphasis is placed on the development of qualities such as the capacity for critical reflection and enquiry which are required for self-determined practice. Most of your learning will be experiential and result from the interaction between you and your patients and discussion and debate with experienced clinicians on all aspects of patient management. The unit also fosters the qualities of leadership and mentorship, the ability to innovate and initiate change, and to participate in effective collaboration with other professionals.

The unit will be delivered through a combination of small group work, lectures, tutorials, and supervised practice in the AECC outpatient clinic. A key part of learning in this unit is self-directed as you reflect upon your clinical encounters. To aid this, engagement with activities including online materials, directed learning and participation and observation in diverse clinical settings is encouraged. In addition, you will explore the role of a clinician as a mentor as you supervise junior colleagues.

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

### **Marketing and small business management (20 credits at level 7)**

Depending on the contemporary issues at the time, the topics you explore in this unit may include: the changing governance in chiropractic and health care, changing of marketing theories and techniques, employee management and training and establishing and developing a small business.

The unit may be delivered through a combination of lectures and tutorials. Learning will be encouraged through student centred activities including online materials and directed learning

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

### **Professional and ethical practice (20 credits at level 7)**

This unit aims to further your understanding of professional practice and build upon themes of professionalism introduced during levels 4-6 of the course. It will include an emphasis on practical aspects of professionalism as they relate to chiropractic. A key intention is to develop internalisation of the norms and values of professional and ethical behaviour in chiropractic as a basis for future practice.

The unit will be delivered through a combination of lectures, debates, presentations by invited speakers, tutorials and clinically based experiential learning. A key part of learning in this unit is self-directed as you reflect upon your clinical encounters. To aid this, engagement with activities including online materials and directed learning is encouraged.

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

## **Research informed practice (20 credits at level 7)**

In this unit, you will explore the concepts of evidence-based practice and how research evidence is incorporated into clinical practice. The unit provides a forum for you to integrate the best current research evidence with complex aspects of clinical practice from your own patients. It also enables you to learn how to identify a topic in practice that is suitable for audit and learn how to develop and undertake a clinical audit.

The unit will be delivered through a combination of lectures, tutorials and electronic learning resources. A large amount of the learning will be self-directed.

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

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