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University College Goes on the Road to Deliver MSK Ultrasound Course with University of St Andrews

Bournemouth's specialist health science institution, AECC University College, are working with the University of St Andrews to deliver a unique musculoskeletal (MSK) ultrasound course in their magnificent and historic setting. Scotland's first institution of higher education sought the expertise of AECC University College to deliver a specialist MSK course in their locality.

Taking place on Thursday 4 July and Friday 5 July 2019, the course has come to fruition as part of a growing relationship between the University of St Andrews' Medical School and the AECC University College's School of Medical Ultrasound. Both of these Schools have exceptional reputations in their respective areas, and have collaborated on this initiative for the benefit of healthcare professionals local to St Andrews.

Seeking the University College's expertise in ultrasound training is a testament to the 10 years of delivering quality education and expertise. The programme is based on the already successful MSK short course currently delivered at AECC University College's School of Medical Ultrasound's clinical facility.

The School of Medical Ultrasound enhance the level of practical training for a variety of healthcare professionals using the latest Samsung ultrasound technology. With a team of experienced sonographers and radiologists, those signing up for the MSK Ultrasound course will gain the skills they require as part of investigative healthcare.

Warren Foster, Head of AECC University College's School of Medical Ultrasound commented: "We are delighted to be collaborating with the University of St Andrews. This is a unique opportunity to deliver our specialised ultrasound courses in a new location, reaching more healthcare professionals and developing their skills through high quality training. It's also great to be part of a concerted and practical initiative, meeting the needs of MSK practitioners."

Robert Humphreys, Lecturer at the School of Medicine at the University of St Andrews is an enthusiastic supporter of this new collaboration: "The School of Medicine is pleased to be collaborating with AECC University College's School of Medical Ultrasound. Point of care Ultrasound (POCUS) is an increasingly important skill for Healthcare Practitioners and accessible high-quality Postgraduate Training in this field is a very welcome addition to what is on offer at the School of Medicine. Basic ultrasound skills were introduced to the undergraduate curriculum two years ago; linking it in to our Living Anatomy teaching, with taster sessions on POCUS applications in Clinical Practice. The School of Medicine hope that this will be the first of many Postgraduate Ultrasound Courses that are offered as part of this collaboration."

Interested parties can book onto the MSK Ultrasound Short Course via the AECC University College website <https://bit.ly/2S5pv6f>. If you require further information, please contact the School of Medical Ultrasound: t: 01202 436200 / e: SMUReception@aecc.ac.uk

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AECC University College's School of Medical Ultrasound.



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AECC University College

Based in Bournemouth, AECC University College is a highly esteemed pioneer in health sciences, dedicated to excellence in education, clinical training and research.

The University College provides specialist study 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 communities, collaborating with a number of partner organisations, businesses and other universities.

AECC University College's facilities include the on-site Chiropractic Clinic, School of Medical Ultrasound with specialist imaging services, and the 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.

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

University of St Andrews

Founded in the 15th century, St Andrews is Scotland's first university and the third oldest in the English-speaking world. Teaching began in the community of St Andrews on the east coast of Scotland in 1410 and the University was formally constituted by the issue of Papal Bull in 1413.

The University of St Andrews is one of Europe's most research-intensive seats of learning; over a quarter of its turnover comes from research grants and contracts. It is one of the top-rated universities in Europe for research, teaching quality and student satisfaction and is consistently ranked among the UK's top five in leading independent league tables.

The University is the highest-ranking Scottish University in The Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2018. The 2018 Guardian University Guide ranked the University as top in Scotland and the third best university in the UK.

Find out more about the University of St Andrews: www.st-andrews.ac.uk