



Important information to take into account when choosing your programme

Gateway to Chiropractic/Master of Chiropractic MChiro (Hons)

When students are considering applying for the Gateway to Chiropractic and Master of Chiropractic (Hons) courses they should be aware of the following:

- During practical classes students will be expected to practice physical examination and therapy skills using other students in their year group as subjects, and to act as a subject for other students. These are mixed gender groups. As well as physical contact with other students this also involves undressing down to underwear leaving the underwear on (short lycra shorts and tank tops may be worn). Students may purchase a treatment gown to wear, if they are uncomfortable wearing only their underwear/ shorts.

Students should discuss any concerns about this with us before making an application for the course or accepting an offer of a place. If the concerns relate to issues covered by the Equality Act 2010 (such as religion, disability, gender reassignment) we will be pleased to discuss with the student how reasonable adjustments can be made to enable them to study on the course; however the University College can only make adjustments where this will not interfere with the student's ability to demonstrate that they have met the learning outcomes for the course, and meet the requirements of relevant Professional Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs). For more information please contact admissions@aecc.ac.uk

- Annually, students are required to complete a questionnaire about their health; if any issues are identified students may not be able to act as subjects in practical classes, as above.
- Students are required to declare any criminal records and changes in their criminal record as soon as they occur, i.e. if they have been cautioned, reprimanded, warned, charged or convicted in relation to **any** criminal activity.
- The course does not run to standard term/semester dates. The Gateway to Chiropractic and Master of Chiropractic years 1- year 3 have 2 semesters per year totalling 29 weeks per year. Classes are normally between the hours of 9am and 6pm.

Year 4 MChiro is a full calendar year of clinical placement during which there are approximately 6 weeks of holiday staggered through the year.

During the clinical placement period students are expected to be available to attend any scheduled classes during term time. Students are also expected to be available to treat patients between the hours of 8am and 7pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays throughout the placement period with the exception of the scheduled holidays. Students will have specified times when they must be

available to see patients, other time should be used for the completion of academic work or clinical administration. We understand that some students may have personal or work commitments and we aim to be as flexible as possible. Any absence required for an extended period can be discussed with the Clinical Phase Lead for Chiropractic.

- We expect students on this professionally-based course to maintain professional standards of behaviour at all times, and to act in accordance with the General Chiropractic Council (GCC)'s [Student Fitness to Practise: Guidance for Students May 2012](#) available from the GCC website. Students on placement are expected to work in accordance with [The Code](#), published by the GCC, the University College Placement Manual and Clinical Procedures documents.
- Students will be expected to dress smartly and adhere to the clinic dress code and wear a clinic jacket when observing or working with patients in the onsite clinic. The dress code for offsite placements must be observed and in all placement settings students will be expected to maintain high standards of personal hygiene.
- Students are required to attend a minimum of 80% of all practical skills classes, tutorials and science laboratory sessions. We take registers of attendance at these classes and collate the results regularly. Should students fail to meet the attendance requirement this will be considered by the Assessment Board at the end of the year and may affect their progression to the next year of the programme.
- There are a number of items which students will be required or are recommended to purchase in order to get the maximum benefit from the programme; see below under 'additional costs'.
- Students are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements while enrolled at the University College. The Student Services team can offer advice and assistance in finding private rented accommodation in the area.
- The pass mark for each unit is 40% for work at levels 3-6 and 50% (or grade C) for work at level 7
- All units on the Gateway to Chiropractic and Masters of Chiropractic (Hons) are core units and all units in a year must be passed before students can progress to the following year. There is no opportunity to trail failed units.

Additional costs

Additional costs are mandatory or optional costs which students will need to meet in order to fully participate in and complete their programme. Students will need to budget for these costs separately as they are not included in the overall Tuition Fee they are charged.

Essential

- Purchase of a diagnostic kit (approximate cost £300 - £550 depending on the kit option which is chosen). These are not required to be purchased before joining the course and you will be advised what equipment you need to purchase for each stage of your training.
- Purchase of clinic jacket (approximate cost £30) (usually a minimum of two is advised). These are not required to be purchased before joining the course.
- There are no photocopying or printing credits provided apart from in the clinic if copying or printing for patient records is required.
- Should a student fail any assessments and be offered an opportunity to repeat a unit or units there will be a fee payable as set out below (fees quoted at 2020-21 prices): *
 - Home students: £1,540 per unit (20 credits)
 - Overseas students / self-funded students: £2,420.50 per unit (20 credits)

* Fees do not apply if a student has Mitigating Circumstances accepted by the Assessment Board. For students just sitting elements of a unit due to mitigating circumstances this may have an impact on receiving maintenance loans from the Student Loan Company. Please contact the Student Finance Office on studentfinance@aecc.ac.uk for further information.

- UK-domiciled applicants are required to undergo an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (once a student has applied the University College will guide them through the process). Applicants must meet the costs of this check (£45 in 2020).
- Non-UK domiciled applicants are required to provide a satisfactory National Police check. Applicants must meet the costs of this check, which will vary from country to country.

Recommended

- It is recommended that students purchase a tablet or computer/laptop for their personal use, as this will enhance their learning by giving them immediate access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).
- It is recommended students have a good quality Broadband internet connection when studying at home.

Optional

- Teaching materials are made available in electronic format on the Virtual Learning Environment. If students wish to have a printed copy they may print these materials at their own cost.
- Core texts are available in the library but there are limited numbers and most students buy some but not necessarily all text books.
- We are unable to offer any storage facilities for personal belongings of students,

except for a limited number of lockers. Students can rent a locker from the AECC Students' Union (ASU) on payment of a single fee of £10.

- There may be other costs for activities which will enhance students' time here but are not directly related to their programme. For example, there is an annual fee (currently £60) to join our gym (gym membership is a requirement to join some ASU/University College sports societies). Some ASU-organised social events and activities organised through ASU Societies will be at an additional cost.
- On successful completion of the course students have the option to attend the graduation ceremony. Students choosing to attend must meet the cost of hiring academic dress for the ceremony; wearing of academic dress at the ceremony is compulsory. The academic dress is provided by an external company. In 2019 the hire cost was £38. There are no other charges to the graduate for the graduation ceremony. However, additional tickets for family members and friends are chargeable at £17 per head at 2019 prices.
- You will be provided with transcripts for each year of study along with a diploma supplement and degree certificate upon completion of your course of study. If you require a replacement of any of these documents there will be a fee payable as set out below:
 - Transcript (per academic year): £10
 - Degree Certificate: £40
 - Diploma Supplement: £10
 - IRMER certificate: £25

Where 2020-21 prices are quoted these costs are not expected to increase by any substantial amount for 2021-22.