



## **Important information to take into account when choosing your programme**

### **MSc Chiropractic**

When students are considering applying for the MSc Chiropractic course 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.

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). Please contact [admissions@aecc.ac.uk](mailto: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 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. Both years of the course are a full calendar year of clinical placement during which there are 6 weeks of holiday staggered throughout the year, at set times.

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 and tutorials. 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.
- For the MSc Chiropractic course the pass mark is 50%.
- 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.

### **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) – this should not need to be purchased again, if already purchased during the MChiro course.
- Purchase of clinic jacket (approximate cost £30) (a minimum of two is advised).
- Some assignments may require the submission of a printed paper copy. The cost of this is the students' responsibility and will vary depending on the length of the assignment. 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](mailto: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 (£49 in 2019).
- 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.

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### **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.
- 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 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**