



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

### MSc Medical Ultrasound

When students are considering applying for the MSc Medical Ultrasound course they should be aware of the following:

- The attendance for this part-time course takes place in blocks (normally two days, maximum of 4 days). For some units, such as the Negotiated Skills unit there are no attendance requirements and students will learn through self-directed learning with support from tutors.
- Students will need to identify their own clinical placements and clinical placement Practice Educator. When students apply for the course they will need to complete a Clinical Workplace Agreement Form (signed by their work-place supervisor/mentor). This will identify who will be supervising their scans, the machines and QA and patient throughput so we can ensure that the clinical requirements of the course can be met by the student. The arrangements will need to be agreed by the Programme Leader.
- It may be possible for students to undertake clinical placements at the School of Radiology. If students undertake a School of Radiology clinical placement they should expect to attend 1 - 2 clinical placement days per month, for each clinical application, for a period of at least 6 months. An additional fee is payable (see under 'Additional costs'). (Contact: sbattiston@aecc.ac.uk for clinical placement dates and further details on the School of Radiology clinical placements.)
- Students choosing to take the optional Structured Learning Event unit(s) will need to identify and attend a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) seminar/learning event for each unit, approved by the Programme Leader.
- **Practical Ultrasound Assessments:** Musculoskeletal practical assessments will take place at the School of Radiology, Bournemouth. Whenever possible a student will be assessed on one day, normally in May or early June. Students will be notified of their assessment date by early April. All other skills-based units (Obstetrics, Gynaecology, General, MSK injections, Breast and Breast intervention and all Negotiated Skills other than MSK Soft Tissue) will be assessed at the student's workplace with their Practice Educator in attendance and a School of Radiology moderator. *(Where different assessment arrangements are required these may incur additional costs. Please see the additional costs information below).*
- For the MSc Medical Ultrasound course the pass mark is 50%

### 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.

- Students who undertake a musculoskeletal clinical placement externally (not at the School of Radiology) will be offered the opportunity to attend an optional mock assessment at the School of Radiology near the date of the final assessment, to assess their progress and familiarise them with the School of Radiology machine controls which will be used for the final assessment. There will be an additional fee, currently £120 for this assessment. The course team will provide feedback on strengths, weaknesses and advice on any remedial training.
- Students may be able to undertake their clinical placement at the School of Radiology, for which an additional fee is payable. Students undertaking a School of Radiology clinical placement should expect to attend 1 - 2 clinical placement days per month, for each clinical application, for a period of at least 6 months. The current cost for each clinical placement day is £240. (Contact sbattiston@aecc.ac.uk for dates and further details on the School of Radiology clinical placements.)
- If you choose to take the optional Structured Learning Event unit(s) you will need to meet the costs of attending a CPD seminar /learning event for each unit, based on an appropriate topic for your programme. The seminar/learning event will normally be of at least 8 hours duration. This will need to be approved by the Programme Leader.
- Some assignments require the submission of a printed paper copy. The cost of printing and postage is the students' responsibility and will vary depending on the length of the assignment. There are no photocopying or printing credits provided.
- Students will be responsible for funding their own travel and accommodation when attending units, assessment or CPD seminars and when attending meetings with their supervisor for the dissertation and clinical audit units (normally at least two meetings required). Where appropriate, meetings with supervisors will be offered via Skype or FaceTime.
- *General, Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Negotiated Skills Assessments:* If assessment at the place of work is not possible because the distance is prohibitive the student will be assessed at an appropriate venue at the discretion of the Programme Leader. There are additional costs of up to £1000 per assessment (2020-21 prices) and these will be payable one month in advance of the assessments. Students will be advised of the fee at the time of booking. If a student cancels less than one month in advance of the assessment the student will be liable for any expenses incurred in preparation of the assessment.
- *General, Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Negotiated Skills Reassessments:* The normal fee to be reassessed at the student's place of work is £250 (2020-21 prices). This may change, at our discretion, subject to circumstances and the assessment venue. Students will be advised of the fee at the time of booking. The fee must be paid to us one month prior to the assessment.
- *Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Assessments:* If a student is unable to attend the set

assessment date there will be an additional fee to arrange this. If a student cancels less than one month in advance or fails to attend the agreed Musculoskeletal assessment, a charge of £175 will be payable (2020-21 prices).

- *Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Reassessments:* The normal fee for a reassessment on our premises is £175 (2020-21 prices). You will be notified prior to the reassessment if a reassessment fee is payable. The fee must be paid to us one month prior to the assessment.
- Students who undertake their clinical placements outside of the United Kingdom will be responsible for the associated costs of assessments in those countries.
- 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.
- 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 AECC Students' Union (ASU)/University College sports societies). Some ASU-organised social events and activities through ASU Societies will be at an additional cost.
- 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

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