



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

### **MSc Advanced Professional Practice Framework**

**MSc Advanced Professional Practice Clinical Sciences**

**MSc Advanced Professional Practice Functional Musculoskeletal Health**

**MSc Advanced Professional Practice Musculoskeletal Neuroscience**

**MSc Advanced Professional Practice Paediatric Musculoskeletal Health**

When students are considering applying for courses within the MSc Advanced Professional Practice Framework they should be aware of the following:

- Students will study part-time, primarily 'at a distance', as the course focuses on professional learning in the workplace, and self-directed learning with support from tutors. Formal attendance on campus is kept to a minimum and, where required, will normally take place at weekends.

Formal attendance (normally one weekend for each unit) is required on the following units:

- Professional Clinical Practice (offered at Induction Seminar)
  - Evidence-based Practice
  - Audit and Research Methods (3 ½ days)
  - CPD seminars (Learning events) on which to base the Structured Learning Event units, the Orthopaedic Practice unit and/or the Functional Health units (Functional Musculoskeletal Health programme). Seminars can be attended elsewhere with prior approval of the unit/programme leader). Students are responsible for identifying the seminars they wish to attend, in negotiation with the relevant unit/programme leader.
- Students wishing to undertake the optional Clinical Placement unit will need to identify their own placement (outside their normal place of work) and placement supervisor, in negotiation with the Unit Leader.
  - For the MSc Advanced Professional Practice 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 course. Students will need to budget for these costs separately as they are not included in the overall Tuition Fee they are charged.

- For the Structured Learning Event units you will need to attend a seminar based on an appropriate topic for your course and normally of at least 8 hours duration. This will need to be approved by the Programme Leader. However if you attend CPD seminars held at the University College you will pay a reduced student rate, if available. Information about these seminars, for an indication of costs is available from <http://www.aecc.ac.uk/postgraduate-cpd/cpd-seminars/>

- 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.**