



## **Important information to consider when choosing your course**

### **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. You will be required to have physical contact with other students in your cohort. During your practical skills classes you will be required to wear appropriate practical attire. You will need to dress down into shorts and sports/tank top (short lycra shorts may be worn). Students may purchase a treatment gown to wear, if they are uncomfortable wearing only their shorts and sports/tank top.

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 in year two. The first year runs across two semesters from September to June as normal, however, the second year runs across a calendar year from June to June. In year two there are 6 weeks of holiday staggered throughout the year, further details will be provided in year 1 of the course.

During the clinical placement period students are expected to be available to attend scheduled classes during term time. Students are also expected to be available to treat patients during clinic opening hours which may include Saturdays, throughout the placement period with the exception of the scheduled holidays. Students will have specified shift 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 Course Leader.

- 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 [Professionalism in Action: A Guide for Chiropractic Students on Being Fit to Practice \(September 2018\)](#) 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 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 expected to attend a minimum of 80% of all practical skills classes. We take registers of attendance at these classes and collate the results regularly. Should students fail to meet the attendance requirement this may be considered by the Assessment Board at the end of the year and may affect their progression to the next year of the course.
- 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 course; 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.

### **Occupational Health Screening**

You must undertake occupational health screening to determine your suitability to undertake the course.

### **Immunisations**

Before you come to the University College you should have been vaccinated against certain diseases and you will be required to demonstrate that you have undertaken these immunisations before your first clinical placement experience. Students who choose not to comply with the vaccination requirements of the course will not be permitted on clinical placement and will not be able to complete the academic requirements of the course. The required vaccinations are tuberculosis (TB), Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Chickenpox. We also recommend you consider being immunised against meningitis prior to commencing your studies.

**If you are not vaccinated against tuberculosis (TB), Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Chickenpox please speak with your GP or local healthcare provider to ensure you are up to date with the vaccinations required to start your course in September, otherwise there may be a delay in enrolling on to the course**

## 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.

### Essential

- Purchase of a diagnostic kit (approximate cost £300 - £550 depending on the kit option which is chosen).
- Purchase of clinic jacket (approximate cost £30) (a minimum of two is advised).
- 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 2021-22 prices): \*
- Home students: £1,540 per unit (20 credits)
- EU/Overseas students: £2,500 per unit (20 credits)

\* If a student is only sitting elements of unit due to exceptional personal circumstances, accepted by the Assessment Board, this is not considered a Repeat Unit and fees do not apply. This may impact maintenance loans from the Student Loan Company and students are advised to contact the Student Finance team 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. Further information will be sent in April/May to those who accept our offer. Applicants must meet the costs of this check (£45 in 2021).
- 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.
- **All applicants are required to undergo an Occupational Health Check**, this is to ensure that you are physically and mentally suited to a career in health. If you have any concerns about your medical suitability, you are advised to discuss this with your GP. The link to the questionnaire from NHS Dorset Healthcare will be sent out in April/May, this forms the basis of the health screening so it is vital that all questions are answered as fully and honestly as possible. The questionnaire covers the issue of vaccinations and it is important that students are aware that they will need to have a full range of immunisations before they start in a clinic environment. Applicants must meet the costs of this check (approx. £20) and any subsequent immunisations that are required.

## 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 textbooks.
- There may be other costs for activities which will enhance students' time here but are not directly related to their course. For example, there is an annual fee (currently £70) 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 2021 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 per head, you will be advised of the price before you graduate.
- 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 2021-22 prices are quoted these costs are not expected to increase by any substantial amount for 2022-23**