



AECC
University College
Prospectus

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Welcome to AECC University College

I am delighted you are considering AECC University College as your chosen place to study. You will be joining a small and specialist institution that is built on a proud, pioneering spirit and a history in healthcare education, clinical care and research.

For over 55 years we have been leaders in musculoskeletal health and wellbeing, developed from our roots as the first chiropractic training college in Europe. We remain one of the premier chiropractic training institutions in the world.

Over the past 15 years we have branched out into a range of allied health, sport, exercise and social science disciplines including undergraduate radiography (diagnostic and therapeutic), psychology, sport and exercise science, clinical exercise, and sport rehabilitation. We have also developed a range of career options for graduates wishing to enter health professions with graduate entry MSc courses in physiotherapy, chiropractic, sport rehabilitation and therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, podiatry and dietetics.

We also deliver a range of postgraduate study options up to MSc level in musculoskeletal paediatric practice and First Contact Practice, sport psychology, psychological therapy, sport rehabilitation and imaging, including medical ultrasound, clinical reporting and breast ultrasound. We also have an extensive range of short course options for graduates in allied health and sport and exercise sciences.

We believe in making a difference to our communities, and as well as being a specialist health sciences university we are also a healthcare provider. We offer a range of diagnostic, clinical and rehabilitation care on-site, supporting patients from the NHS and private practice, and providing opportunities for our students to undertake practice placements or research. This provides opportunities to gain hands-on clinical experience in your specialist area alongside external placements in the NHS and other practice settings.

We are lucky to have some incredible facilities on site, including extensive clinical treatment rooms hosting on-site teaching and outpatient clinics, an ultrasound clinic with nine scanners, a digital x-ray suite, one of the UK's seven open upright MRI scanners and a human performance laboratory with high quality motion analysis systems. We've also built a new £4.5 million integrated rehabilitation centre with an impressive suite of facilities, expanding our clinical services and providing more opportunities for our students.

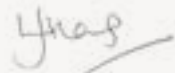
To support your clinical and skill-based learning we also have on-campus a human prosection laboratory, numerous clinical teaching laboratory spaces, and a range of simulation equipment including manikins and virtual reality systems. These facilities ensure students can access state-of-the-art kit to learn, practise and develop their skills.

Every day holds opportunities for you to seize; to learn from respected healthcare clinicians and tutors, share and grow ideas and ways of working with your peers in multidisciplinary settings, and become part of our unique, distinctive and diverse community.

Your time at AECC University College will equip you with the skills and confidence to thrive in your chosen fields and professional lives. If you are passionate about transforming the lives of others and you want to make a real difference in the world, then we cannot wait to meet you.

I encourage you to visit our campus here in Bournemouth if you can. Open days and virtual open events are great ways to find out more about courses and ask any questions you may have.

I hope to see you soon.



Professor Lesley Haig
Vice-Chancellor, AECC University College



*“A healthier society
through education,
research and
clinical care”*



Our Specialist Campus

When you join us at AECC University College you aren't just studying at a specialist health institution with an international reputation for musculoskeletal health education. You're working alongside future friends and taking the first step into your career. Here's what you can look forward to:

1 Committed to excellence

We are dedicated to excellence in education, clinical training and research. We challenge, encourage and support our students in an environment specially cultivated for their development. Learning comes to life when working flexibly across teams and facilities; collaborating with others who have diverse specialisms and creating new and inspiring solutions.

2 Value our specialisms

We offer a stimulating environment to learn and grow. Many of our academic staff are practising professionals in their specialism, so we understand how business and industry works and how together, we can change the future. The University College has a history of innovation and we are proud of our community of students, staff and alumni, and our range of stakeholders who have shaped and are shaping health sciences disciplines.

3 International leaders

We are pioneers in the field of musculoskeletal healthcare. Our name is an assurance of excellence and commands respect worldwide, meaning regional, national and international employers will know when they hire you that they will get the highest calibre graduate.

4 World-class teaching

Academic staff come from all over the world to teach with us and are regarded as among the best in their specialisms. Our patient-centred approach to learning and clinical training has ensured global opportunities for employment after graduation.

5 Think global

With over 40% of our students coming from outside of the UK, our campus is a thriving community where new friends are made from around the world. Our alumni, research and collaborations span many countries and continents and we are known as global leaders in our areas of specialisms.

6 Research at the heart

Our interdisciplinary attitude and our understanding of research evidence underpins our academic and clinical work. Our research work is internationally excellent and presented widely overseas. You are part of an influential institution whose opinions are sought and valued.

7 Rooted in the community

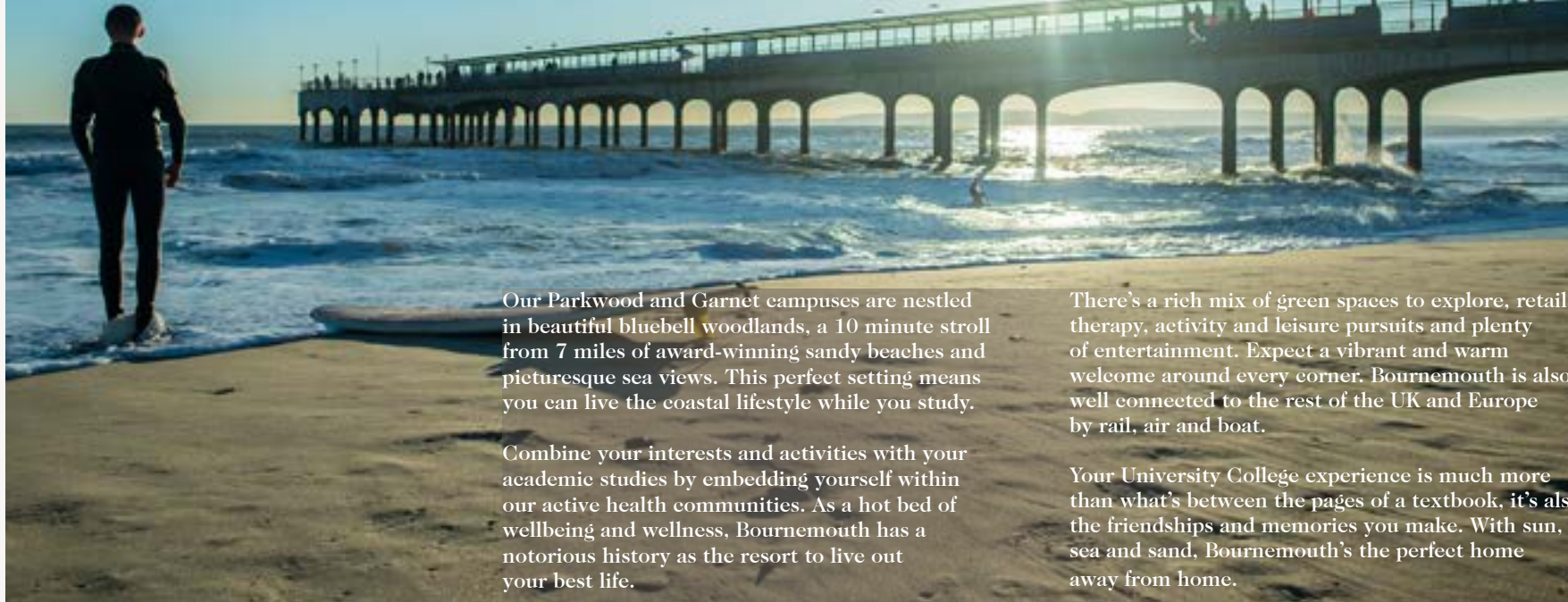
We are a caring University College with a supportive health sciences community. We see our students' strengths, needs and potential and our students are part of a close-knit and supportive community. With us, students are at the forefront of engaging with others, collaborating with a number of partner organisations, businesses and other universities.

8 Established 1965

As the first chiropractic college in Europe, founded in 1965, we have a unique history and we are proud of our heritage. Our reputation in musculoskeletal healthcare and our continual investment in our facilities contribute to our unique environment and excellent reputation.

“Shape the future of health at our specialist institution, dedicated to providing you with valuable learning experiences.”

“Sun, sea and sand - the perfect home away from home.”



Our Parkwood and Garnet campuses are nestled in beautiful bluebell woodlands, a 10 minute stroll from 7 miles of award-winning sandy beaches and picturesque sea views. This perfect setting means you can live the coastal lifestyle while you study.

Combine your interests and activities with your academic studies by embedding yourself within our active health communities. As a hot bed of wellbeing and wellness, Bournemouth has a notorious history as the resort to live out your best life.

There's a rich mix of green spaces to explore, retail therapy, activity and leisure pursuits and plenty of entertainment. Expect a vibrant and warm welcome around every corner. Bournemouth is also well connected to the rest of the UK and Europe by rail, air and boat.

Your University College experience is much more than what's between the pages of a textbook, it's also the friendships and memories you make. With sun, sea and sand, Bournemouth's the perfect home away from home.



Left to right:

- Bournemouth Beach
- Beryl Bikes near Bournemouth Pier
- BH24 Cafe
- AECC Campus

Collaboration and creating new knowledge is central to our activity as a science-based University College, and evidence-based research is at the heart of everything we do.

Research
 “Be a part of
 shaping the
 healthcare of the
 future.”



Develop your own knowledge and skills using both our rich history of pioneering advances in the health sector and the quality knowledge of our teaching staff, regarded as among the best in the world in their specialised fields.

Be a part of our projects and partnerships making people's lives better and healthier. Support positive sustainable environments and improve communities with us as we work alongside other universities and professional organisations at national and international levels.

Be a part of shaping the person centred healthcare of the future including the use of digital technology. Be at the forefront of research in health and wellbeing through monitoring and supporting healthy life choices. Join us in finding the perfect balance between advanced, high-tech methods and compassionate care. The future needs to be gentle and smart.

Let's make it together.

Supporting You



Student Services

Our Student Services Team will support you with every step of your journey. You'll receive guidance and information to help you make the most of your time with us, whether that's with study skills, managing your finances, or career advice, we'll make sure you're prepped with the expertise and the experience to excel in your chosen field.

Study Skills

Although you will have high contact time with academics across our courses, you will be expected to be more self-directed than you may be used to. You can meet with our Study Skills Tutor for an individual tutorial to help you develop the academic skills for studying at a higher level. The tutor can offer advice and guidance with planning and structuring your written work, preparing for presentations, and organising your time.

International Students

We welcome students from all over the world and support them in their studies. If English is not your first language, we have an English for Academic Purposes (EAP) tutor to help you develop the language and study skills you will need to succeed in your academic coursework and clinical practice.

Counselling and Wellbeing

Coming to study with us is an exciting experience, offering opportunities for personal development, academically and socially, but adapting to student life can also be challenging. Our Wellbeing Adviser is available to meet with students, offering confidential support and advice on a range of issues. We're dedicated to helping you find new perspectives and emotional resilience, so our professional counselling service offers the opportunity to talk to someone in a supportive and confidential setting.

Accommodation

Find a place you can call home. There is a range of accommodation to suit your preference and budget. We're excited to offer halls of residence through our relationship with Home Park. Claim your room in luxury halls, only two miles away from campus and a short walk to Bournemouth's bars, restaurants and sandy beaches.

Learning Services

Our University College specialist library collection is highly regarded by students and has been tailored and developed to enhance your learning and research experience.

Both online and in the library, you'll find a wealth of resources including databases, e-journals and e-books, as well as access to Anatomy TV. The Learning Services Team will also support your digital literacy and research skills, delivering teaching and training courses in a range of IT and research skills.



Our beautiful Library offers tech-enabled study pods, desk space, comfy and relaxed seating areas and a self-service kiosk. With Wi-Fi throughout campus, areas dedicated to group or independent study, plenty of laptops for loan, and helpful staff on hand, the Library is your ideal place to study and grow your knowledge.

aecc.ac.uk/student-services



Our AECC Students' Union (ASU) is your hub of activity. Their calendar is packed with events and there are plenty of ways you can get involved with clubs and societies. From Induction Week to Christmas Revue, from Sports Nights at our campus bar to Wellness Week, you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to making lifelong friends and meeting your new colleagues.

The Students' Union are the voice of the students; they work hard to make your time at the University College one you'll never forget. The SU team is a diverse mix of nationalities and cultures and will provide you with a supportive, friendly and fun atmosphere as well as any advice you may need.

You'll be able to keep fit and active with a range of activities, groups and sports clubs. As an AECC University College student you'll have access to our campus gym and range of classes. With use of your discounted rate, you'll also be able to make use of BH Live gyms in the local area which will provide you with courts, studios, as well as swimming and football facilities which host national competitions.

Whether you're a budding sports enthusiast, high-performing athlete or keen spectator, we've got something for everyone from rugby and football to rowing and netball. For those with a competitive streak our rugby, netball and women's and men's football teams perform at high levels. If music is your passion, we hold open mic nights on campus, as well as debates and talks.



Students' Union

Our Courses



Our Courses

We want you to choose the course that suits your interests today – and your career in the future. As a health sciences specialist, we offer a number of programs across different healthcare specialisms.

Whether you want to pursue an undergraduate or masters degree, or even a continuing professional development course, we can help.



AECC School of Chiropractic



Our vision is for excellence in education and research within a supportive and diverse clinically-orientated environment.

We have a number of routes into pre-registration chiropractic courses to suit everyone, whether at Foundation or Undergraduate levels. We also have a range of postgraduate options for qualified chiropractors wishing to expand their thinking, knowledge and skills to a higher level.

Undergraduate Master of Chiropractic (With Gateway Year) - MChiro (Hons)

Take the first step to joining a rewarding healthcare profession



Want to become a chiropractor and to join a rewarding and established healthcare profession? This chiropractic course is for those looking to develop the skills required to progress into the first year of this five year chiropractic degree.

Our course has been designed to equip you with all the relevant theory, practical skills, and clinical experience that you will need in order to become a competent chiropractor. That means from the moment you start your course, you will be building up clinical experience with real patient observations and case studies. In your final year of study you will be treating real patients in our on-site clinic which sees thousands of patients a year.

As the oldest and largest chiropractic college in Europe, our expertise is recognised around the world and that's why students come to study with us from many different countries. We are proud to be one of the founding institutions of the International Chiropractic Educational Collaboration (ICEC) statements which describes our commitment to a core scientific and evidence-based approach to your chiropractic education.

On successful completion of the course you will be eligible to apply to register with the General Chiropractic Council, the chiropractic profession's statutory regulatory body in the UK.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/mchiro-gw

At a Glance

Course Code: B320

Study Duration: Full-time 5 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Examinations
- Group work
- Presentations
- Coursework
- Practical Assessment
- Portfolio

Unit Highlights

- Human Biology
- Human Physiology
- Clinical Management
- Human Function and Dysfunction
- Professional and Ethical Practice
- Clinical Internship (on-site Chiropractic Clinic)

Accreditations

- European Council on Chiropractic Education
- General Chiropractic Council

Undergraduate Master of Chiropractic – MChiro (Hons)

Make a difference and help people improve their quality of life



Looking for hands on learning, world-class academic staff, and exceptional career prospects? Do you want to help people improve their quality of life? Then look no further. Study to become a chiropractor at the AECC University College and you'll be joining a rewarding and established healthcare profession.

From day one you'll be building up clinical experience with real patient observations and case studies. In your final year of study you'll be treating real patients under supervision in our on-site chiropractic clinic.

During your study you'll get real-world experience in our teaching clinic, make use of our specialised clinical imaging facilities, and come face to face with real human anatomy at our dedicated prosection facility.

There are practical classes and lab sessions where you can learn and practice your diagnostic and therapeutic skills with our tutors on hand to help. Your study will be split between lectures, labs and classes along with directed and self-directed study and clinical observations.

Most graduates go on to work as chiropractors in private clinics, but there are other opportunities available. Some graduates go on to develop a specialist interest in a particular field such as sports or paediatrics, or go into careers as researchers or lecturers.

On successful completion of the course you will be eligible to apply to register with the General Chiropractic Council, the chiropractic profession's statutory regulatory body in the UK.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/mchiro

At a Glance

Course Code: B320

Study Duration: Full-time 4 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Examinations
- Group Work
- Presentations
- Coursework
- Practical Assessment
- Portfolio

Unit Highlights

- Clinical Management
- Human Function and Dysfunction
- Research Project
- Clinical Internship (on-site Chiropractic Clinic)
- Marketing and Small Business Management
- Professional and Ethical Practice

Accreditations

- European Council on Chiropractic Education
- General Chiropractic Council

Pre-registration MSc Chiropractic (Graduate Entry)

Expand your horizons. Gain essential practical and theoretical skills to become a registered chiropractor



If you have a health science degree or are a practising healthcare professional, and you are looking to enhance or change your career to work in the rewarding and fulfilling chiropractic profession, this course could be for you. The Postgraduate MSc Chiropractic (Graduate Entry) qualification provides an opportunity for capable, confident graduates to take an intensive, accelerated programme of study over two years.

This course offers a patient-centred and evidence-based approach to the provision of chiropractic care. You will be learning in a multidisciplinary environment with other healthcare students, developing your clinical leadership skills and preparing you for clinical practice.

Our course will provide you with the skills and competencies to become a safe, evidence-based chiropractor with high-level clinical reasoning abilities, along with a contemporary and collaborative approach to healthcare. As well as the highly specialist knowledge and psychomotor skills associated with neuro-musculoskeletal interventions, this course also provides graduates with key communication skills that underpin modern chiropractic care.

To help prepare students for the degree we offer an intensive preparation course during the summer which is open to all applicants and may be a condition of enrolment for some. This will cover key areas of human science and introduces the skills required for clinical practice over two weeks with recommendations for further study to aid your preparation for the start of tuition. More information about the preparation course is available on aecc.ac.uk/msc-chiro-ge

On successful completion of the course you will be eligible to apply to register with the General Chiropractic Council, the chiropractic profession's statutory regulatory body in the UK.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements aecc.ac.uk/msc-chiro-ge

At a Glance

Study Duration: Full-time 2 years and 3 months

Assessment

Combines:

- Examinations
- Coursework
- Practical Assessment
- Reflective Reports
- Case Reports
- Logbook/Portfolio

Unit Highlights

- Dissertation
- Research Methods in Health Sciences
- Clinical Skills
- Clinical Reasoning
- Directed Clinical Encounters
- Clinical Placement (on-site Chiropractic Clinic)
- Professional and Ethical Practice

Accreditations

- General Chiropractic Council
- European Council on Chiropractic Education

Postgraduate

MSc Musculoskeletal Paediatric Health

Online distanced learning course designed to develop knowledge and skills in the safe and competent care of children of all ages



The MSc Musculoskeletal Paediatric Health degree is designed to develop your knowledge and skills in the safe and competent care of children of all ages.

Our part-time, distance-based course blends live online classes with ready to use resources through our virtual learning environment.

The course covers topics in paediatric musculoskeletal practice with specific units on paediatric development, paediatric musculoskeletal examination, paediatric musculoskeletal interventions, and paediatric musculoskeletal management. You will address issues such as risk factors and public health, including breastfeeding, supine sleep in infancy, physical activity in children and conditions affecting the musculoskeletal health of children from birth.

The paediatric specific topics are completed by other optional units such as professional development and leadership and inter-professional collaboration. In the dissertation unit you will conduct a study relevant to musculoskeletal paediatric health.

Your learning will happen through a mix of live and recorded lectures, access to online reading materials, and access to the literature through our learning services.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/paed-msk

At a Glance

Study Duration: Part-time 2 years
Online, Distance Learning

Assessment

Combines:

- Reflective Reports
- Case Reports
- Logbook / Portfolio
- Written exams
- Presentations
- Dissertation or clinical audit

Unit Highlights

- Evidence-based practise
- Paediatric Development
- Paediatric MSK examination
- Paediatric MSK interventions
- Paediatric MSK management
- Research methods

Optional Units

- Professional Development
- Leadership and Inter-professional Collaboration

School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences



An academic school inspired towards excellence in learning, research and consultancy in three core areas of Rehabilitation, Sport and Psychology.

Undergraduate **BSc (Hons) Counselling and Mental Health**

Provides a thorough grounding in the growing professional disciplines relating to both mental health and counselling



Become qualified in the field of counselling and mental health.

This vocational BSc (Hons) Counselling and Mental Health course will provide you with a thorough grounding in the growing professional disciplines relating to both mental health and counselling, as well as setting you on the path to gain professional accreditation in counselling.

Our curriculum has been built so that you will learn about mental health conditions as well as learn practical counselling skills that you will put into practice during your placement opportunities throughout the course.

You will gain professional skills that are required for entering the workforce that are embedded throughout the course to keep you up to date with the appropriate knowledge and information.

You'll be interested in studying this course if you have a passion for helping others and their mental health and if you want to be on the frontline helping those in need.

If you have an interest in Mental Health but want a more focused, skill-based degree than Psychology degrees are able to offer then this could be the course for you. Each year you will undertake modules learning about specific disorders as well as learning and practicing the skills required to work with those suffering from poor mental health.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/cmh



At a Glance

Course Code: C814

Study Duration: Full-time 3 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Examinations
- Group Work
- Presentations
- Coursework
- Practical Assessment
- Portfolio

Unit Highlights

- Further Exploration of Mental Health
- Counselling Theory and Practice
- Developing Coping Skills
- Issues in the Consulting Room
- Mental Health Through the Life Span
- Positive Psychology
- Research Methods
- Evidence based Practice

Accreditation

- British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy - (BACP) *accreditation currently being sought

Undergraduate **BSc (Hons) Psychology**

Get behind the science of the mind and delve into the psychology of human functioning



On our BSc (Hons) Psychology degree course you will gain the skills to interpret and apply a broad range of relevant theory and scientific evidence to understand the complex interactions that take place in the mind and between people. Explore a breadth of psychological disciplines including cognitive, behavioural and ecological approaches, and be a part of innovative approaches such as cyber-psychology and cognitive neuroscience. There is also the opportunity to tailor your learning experience by exploring a broad range of psychological topics, or focusing more on either health or counselling psychology.

We have a reputation for delivering evidence based courses, with scientific expertise at the core of everything we offer. We are currently developing an on-site psychological services clinic/centre that will provide you as a student with first-hand insights into the real world of psychology service provision and consultancy. Our approach builds on our renowned reputation and experience of running training clinics in chiropractic and ultrasound.

Introducing you to real environments enables you to develop the necessary practical skills and prepares you with gained experience, so you become one of the most employable graduates.

Importantly, our course follows the curriculum of the British Psychological Society (BPS) which means you will cover all of the core areas of knowledge required to pursue a psychology-focused career. We are currently seeking BPS accreditation, which underpins the core psychological professions. Due to the impressive scope and potential pathways in psychology application, as a graduate you can explore numerous and diverse careers.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/psych

At a Glance

Course Code: C800

Study Duration: Full-time 3 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Examinations
- Group Work
- Presentations
- Coursework
- Practical Assessment
- Portfolio

Unit Highlights

- Applying Psychology
- Cyberpsychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Counselling Theory and Practice
- Health and Exercise Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Cognitive Neuroscience (Optional)
- Rehabilitating the Brain (Optional)
- Psychology placement (Optional)

Accreditation

- British Psychological Society (BPS)

Undergraduate **BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Psychology**

Impact athletes' performance, participation and wellbeing through psychology



Our BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Psychology degree offers you the opportunity to delve deep into psychology and its particular application to sport, performance and exercise contexts. If you're interested in a career as a psychologist specialising in sport and performance, or physical activity and exercise, then this course will give you the skills and knowledge to reach your goal. Develop a strong scientific understanding of the mind, brain, behaviour, experience and the complex interactions between these elements through innovative teaching and completing independent research.

An integral part of our course is making sure you gain an insight into the world of applied practice. You will have the opportunity to interact with sport, exercise and performance psychology services on campus and will have access to a range of exciting opportunities to further underpin your learning. You will work with our academic staff who have experience in working in the sport, exercise and performance industries and have conducted contemporary research within these areas. Get excited and prepare to develop your practical experience and scientific knowledge with cutting-edge technology such as EEG imaging and eye-tracking.

On graduating, you can expect an incredibly diverse range of employment opportunities in the broader sport, health fitness and industries in a range of people-focused occupations.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/se-psych

At a Glance

Course Code: C813

Study Duration: Full-time 3 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Examination
- Presentations
- Group Work
- Coursework
- Portfolio
- Practical Assessment and Presentation

Unit Highlights

- Cognitive Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Sport and Performance Psychology
- Applied Sport Psychology
- Working with Teams (Optional)
- Cognitive Neuroscience (Optional)
- Psychology Placement (Optional)

Accreditation

- British Psychological Society (BPS)

Undergraduate **BSc (Hons) Sport, Exercise and Health Science**

Gain a broad understanding of core scientific disciplines underpinning sport, exercise and health science



This specially designed British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES) endorsed degree course offers you exposure to the application of science across sport, exercise and health environments. Throughout the BSc (Hons) Sport, Exercise and Health Science course you will have the opportunity to tailor your course in line with your own specific interests and aspirations. You'll have the opportunity to either keep your focus broad, focusing on sports performance (sport science) or to focus on exercise for health. This means you can really get the most of your study and expand the areas you wish to develop in.

Benefit from our academic expertise, outstanding facilities, and research from across the School of Psychology, Sport and Physical Activity and the wider University College. You will also benefit from our unique connections with the sport, health and wellbeing industry meaning there are plenty of opportunities to make long-lasting connections and establish yourself as a health and wellbeing professional.

Gain hands-on, practical experience through our Sports Performance Centre, building on the exceptionally strong track record we have for delivering on-site clinics.

The broad nature of the course means you will gain an array of insights into the various topics covered, which offers you a diverse range of career options when it comes to employability.

At a Glance

Course Code: C607

Study Duration: Full-time 3 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Examination
- Presentations
- Group Work
- Coursework
- Portfolio
- Practical Assessment and Presentation

Unit Highlights

- Anatomy
- Motor Learning and Biomechanics
- Sport and Performance Psychology
- Sports Biomechanics
- Injury and Rehabilitation
- Advanced Physiology (Optional)
- Paediatric Exercise and Health (Optional)

Accreditation

BASES endorsed

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements: aecc.ac.uk/sehs

Undergraduate **BSc (Hons) Clinical Exercise and Rehabilitation Science**

Transform health and recovery through exercise and physical activity interventions



Be at the forefront of transforming health and recovery, using evidence-based exercise, physical activity interventions and recovery strategies, enabling you to make a difference to the health and wellbeing of communities.

Within this emerging and cutting-edge subject area, you will gain real-world experience at our on-site clinics including our Sports Performance Centre and Exercise Centre; learn how to plan and implement effective public health interventions, and once you've graduated, there is the option of continuing to become a BASES Accredited Sport and Exercise Scientist or BASES Accredited Exercise Professional.

If you're looking to make an impact on health, wellbeing, injury recovery and sports rehabilitation, our modern, professionally underpinned course could be the right fit for you.

Supported by our anatomy and pathophysiology expertise here at AECC University College, you'll develop the skills required of exercise science and rehabilitation practitioners, combining an evidence-based approach to injury rehabilitation, mobility, sports performance, disease management and behaviour change. You will focus on course elements such as the implementation of exercise and physical activity interventions to enhance health across diverse communities, with varying physical capacities and diseases.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/cers

At a Glance

Course Code: C608

Study Duration: Full-time 3 years

Assessment

- Combines:
- Examination
 - Group Work
 - Coursework
 - Portfolio
 - Practical Assessment and Presentation

Unit Highlights

- Advanced Anatomy
- Exercise Physiology
- Motor Learning and Biomechanics
- Promoting Health and Wellbeing
- Consulting and Private Practice
- Nutrition and Health (optional)
- Health Technology (optional)

Undergraduate **BSc (Hons) Sport Rehabilitation**

Gain skills to work across a range of sporting and health environments to rehabilitate patients and athletes of all ages



Our Sport Rehabilitation course offers you vocational study, with the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and expertise in preventing, assessing, diagnosing, and treating sports and physical activity-related injuries. Whilst training to be a Sport Rehabilitator you will learn about the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries, expertise that is essential across all sports, and all levels from amateur to elite.

This course could be for you if you have a love of sport and the industry, want to work in sport, if you've been affected by sports injuries, or if you want to learn more about the field of rehabilitation in a sports environment. If you want to learn at the forefront of evidence-based musculoskeletal management and rehabilitation.

Our innovative curriculum has been purpose built to integrate learning with our state-of-the-art facilities including onsite clinics, imaging services, treatment spaces and a pro-section laboratory. This coupled with our expertise in sport and exercise science, make AECC University College a fantastic environment for aspiring Sport and Exercise Rehabilitators to train and develop.

Delivery modes include: seminars, workshops, practice sessions, manual therapy and practice labs, placement opportunities peer and expert observations, online learning and laboratory sessions.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/s-rehab

At a Glance

Course Code: C630

Study Duration: Full-time 3 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Examinations
- Presentations
- Coursework
- Practical Assessment
- Portfolio

Unit Highlights

- Exercise Physiology
- Prescribing Exercise
- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Injury and Rehabilitation
- Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation
- Late-Stage Rehabilitation and Return to Sport
- Advanced Exercise Prescription
- Exercise Management and Long term conditions (optional)
- Sport Rehabilitation Placement (optional)

Accreditation

- British Association of Sport Rehabilitators and Trainers (BASRaT)

Undergraduate **BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic Imaging)**

Transform the lives of your patients and work at the cutting edge of healthcare



An incredible 95% of people will interact with a diagnostic radiographer at some point in their lives. Diagnostic radiographers are highly skilled practitioners who carry out medical imaging for diagnoses using specialised technical equipment such as X-ray, CT scanning, MRI scanning, Nuclear medicine and Ultrasound.

Our BSc (Hons) Radiography (Diagnostic Imaging) course provides you with all the training and knowledge you need to become a fully qualified practitioner and you'll learn a variety of skills that will enable you to shape the future health and wellbeing of both individuals and society. You'll be taught how to work under pressure and to make decisions under significant time restraints.

This course will teach you to think critically and analytically and will encourage you to become self-aware, reflective and empathetic.

Once you've completed the course you'll have the ability to work within a multi-disciplinary team across the hospital, from A&E to surgery, and will be fully equipped to embark on a challenging and rewarding career in radiography.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/rad-diagnostic

At a Glance

Course Code: B821

Study Duration: Full-time 3 years

Assessment

- Combines:
- Coursework
 - Examination
 - Practical Assessment
 - Presentation

Unit Highlights

- Anatomy
- Clinical Placements
- Practical sessions
- Medical imaging
- Critical Awareness
- Evidence synthesis

Accreditations

- Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC)
- Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR) (currently seeking)

Undergraduate **BSc (Hons) Radiography (Radiotherapy and Oncology)**

Transform lives by learning how to use cutting edge technology to treat conditions such as cancer



Our specially designed BSc (Hons) Radiography (Radiotherapy and Oncology) degree is created to give you real world experience and scientific expertise. This highly specialised degree provides a route into a rewarding career as a therapeutic radiographer where you could be on the frontline of patient care.

One in two people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime and so radiotherapy treatment, which uses high energy x-rays to treat tumours, has never been more important. Up to a third of people with cancer will need radiotherapy and will rely on people like you to provide it.

Studying this course will equip you with all the skills and knowledge you need to become a fully qualified therapeutic radiographer and you'll develop the ability to think critically, analyse data, evaluate treatments and empathise with the patients in your care.

This course will also teach you how to work under pressure using advanced equipment and make split second critical decisions.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/rad-therapeutic

At a Glance

Course Code: B822

Study Duration: Full-time 3 years

Assessment

- Combines:
- Coursework
 - Examination
 - Practical Assessment
 - Presentation

Unit Highlights

- Anatomy
- Clinical Placements
- Practical sessions
- Medical imaging
- Critical Awareness
- Evidence synthesis

Accreditations

- Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC)
- Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR) (currently seeking)

Postgraduate MSc Sport and Exercise Psychology

Contemporary psychological solutions for 21st Century sport and performance-related challenges



Our MSc Sport and Exercise Psychology course provides you with the opportunity to extend your understanding and application of sport and exercise psychology in a dynamic and supportive environment.

This course draws on the research and applied practice expertise of our sport and exercise psychology team, to provide you with a course that supports your career aspirations of working as a sport and exercise psychologist, or further developing your sport and exercise psychology knowledge and expertise.

The course will enable you to become an evidence-based practitioner who is an active problem-solver, providing the best psychological solutions to the challenges you encounter. The course has been designed for both individuals who are seeking to become qualified sport and exercise psychologists, and for other graduates of other courses, which contain psychology/sport and exercise psychology.

As well as delivering a contemporary curriculum, the course offers the opportunity to gain applied experience and see sport and exercise psychology in action through our on-site Sport Performance Centre. Our academic staff are expert researchers, practitioners, and are engaged internationally with the profession and organisations. Our on-site clinical facilities allow you the opportunity to observe sport and exercise psychology in practice.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/msc-se-psych

At a Glance

Study Duration: Full-time 1 year

Assessment

Combines:

- Coursework
- Consultancy Reports
- Reflective Reports
- Role play/Debates
- Blogs, Videos and Social Media Engagement
- Logbook/Portfolio

Unit Highlights

- Counselling Skills
- Client Care and Mental Health
- Performance Psychology
- Sports Vision
- Psychology of Injury, Pain, and Recovery
- Contemporary Issues in Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Research Methods
- Applied Practice Placement (Optional)
- Independent Study (Optional)

Accreditation

- British Psychological Society (BPS)

Postgraduate

MSc Sport and Exercise Psychology (Online)

Extend your understanding and application of sport and exercise psychology in a focused and supportive online learning community



The online version of our MSc Sport and Exercise Psychology course (British Psychological Society (BPS) accredited). This course has been designed for individuals who are seeking to become qualified sport and exercise psychologists, and for other graduates of courses that contain psychology/sport and exercise psychology.

This course is taught online only in a focused and supportive online learning community. As well as delivering a contemporary curriculum, the course facilitates the development of a network of fellow sport and exercise psychology-focused online learners.

You will have the opportunity to engage in remotely mentored applied practice experiences as well as existing AECC University College research projects. Our academic staff are expert researchers, practitioners, and are engaged internationally with the profession and organisations. As a result, we are able to provide opportunities for you to engage with the sport and exercise profession regardless of where you are located across the world. Our course staff currently supervise training sport and exercise psychologists located in different countries across the world.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/psych-therapy

At a Glance

Study Duration: Full-time 1 year
Part-time 2 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Coursework
- Consultancy Reports
- Reflective Reports
- Blogs, Videos and Social Media Engagement
- Logbook/Portfolio
- Presentations

Unit Highlights

- Counselling Skills
- Mental Health
- Performance Psychology
- Exercise Psychology and Physical Activity
- Psychology of Injury, Pain, and Recovery
- Sports Vision
- Contemporary Issues in Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Research Methods
- Sport and Exercise Psychology Dissertation
- Applied Practice Placement
- Independent Study

Accreditation

- British Psychological Society (BPS)

Postgraduate MSc Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation

Grow your inter-professional sport and exercise rehabilitation expertise across healthcare professions



If you're a healthcare professional wishing to further develop your sport and exercise expertise, our MSc Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation course offers an innovative curriculum designed to meet your needs.

This course is designed to further develop your knowledge, practical skills and expertise relating to rehabilitation in sport and exercise domains. We also provide the opportunity to further develop assessment, treatment and intervention skills and the course will allow for a greater depth of knowledge and expertise regarding specialised domains of practice including: working with neurological conditions, para and disability sport, and cardiac rehabilitation, while at the same time developing knowledge in key areas such as the psychology of injury, pain, and rehabilitation, sports rehabilitation and clinical assessment.

There is also the opportunity to register for the whole qualification (Masters degree), a part qualification (e.g. PgCert), or to simply study one unit that you are particularly interested in.

This course utilises a range of contemporary approaches to assessing learning, whilst also seeking to develop key practitioner skills, specialist expertise, and interdisciplinary approaches.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/ser

At a Glance

Study Duration: Full-time 1 year
Part-time 2 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Coursework
- Consultancy Reports
- Reflective Reports
- Role play/Debates
- Blogs, Videos and Social Media Engagement
- Logbook/Portfolio

Unit Highlights

- Research Methods
- Rehabilitation Dissertation
- Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation (Optional)
- Supporting Disabled and Para Athletes (Optional)
- Sports Vision (Optional)
- Cardiac Rehabilitation (Optional)
- Sports Manual Therapy and Massage (Optional)
- Psychology of Injury, Pain and Recovery (Optional)
- Applied Practice Placement (Optional)
- Rehabilitation for Neurological Conditions (Optional)
- Counselling Skills (Optional)
- Ultrasound (Optional)
- Clinical Assessment in Sport and Exercise (Optional)

Postgraduate MSc Sport Rehabilitation and Therapy

Developing highly skilled evidence-based sport and exercise rehabilitation practitioners, equipped to face the challenges of a rapidly evolving profession



This highly practical course will equip you with a unique set of skills within the field of sport and exercise rehabilitation and will prepare you for a rewarding career in the exciting and emerging profession of Sport Rehabilitation.

The course prepares graduates from sport and exercise science and other related courses to work as registered Sport Rehabilitators and Therapists.

Students on the course will develop a broad range of rehabilitation-focused skills and expertise ranging from soft tissue therapies and massage, to pitch-side first aid, and injury recovery. Students will also develop the skills to rehabilitate athletes back to full sports participation, as well as learning to examine and assess injuries for both diagnosis or referral.

All learning on the course is focused on acquiring professional skills, which means that students underpin their studies with placements and practical experience to achieve competency in a broad range of practice-focused skills. Students will also be able to gain experience delivering services as part of the Sports Injury and Rehabilitation service delivered as part of AECC University College's clinical services.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/srt-pr

At a Glance

Study Duration: Full-time 1 year
Part-time 2 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Contemporary approaches to assessing learning
- Seeking to develop key applied skills and communication approaches
- Dissertation and essay assessments
- Blog writing
- Video production and engagement with social media
- Consultancy reports writing
- Role plays and debate engagement

Unit Highlights

- Research Methods
- Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation
- Clinical Assessment in Sport and Exercise
- Sports Manual Therapy and Massage
- Psychology of Injury, Pain and Recovery
- Mental Health
- Injury Treatment Modalities
- Dissertation
- Cardiac Rehabilitation (optional)
- Neurological Rehabilitation (optional)
- Ultrasound (optional)
- Supporting Disabled and Para Athletes (optional)

Accreditation

- British Association of Sport Rehabilitators and Trainers (BASRaT)

Postgraduate MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-registration)

Developing highly skilled evidence-based physiotherapists equipped to face the challenges of an evolving profession



Highly skilled physiotherapists are in great demand and our brand new MSc in Physiotherapy (Pre-registration) has been specially designed to give you the training and experience you need to qualify as a practitioner in this field.

You'll receive a challenging and rewarding educational experience and will develop all the skills necessary to practice as a competent, evidence-based and patient-centred physiotherapist. The course will equip you with all the knowledge and skills to be able to make a valuable contribution to your chosen workplace. As part of the course you will also develop a keen appreciation for individual and mental health factors impacting upon patients and clients.

You will also experience a range of placements, that will include our own on-site healthcare-focused clinic where you'll gain a variety of experiences with a wide range of client groups. You'll be working under the guidance of highly skilled clinicians and will treat patients, observe other practitioners and participate in all aspects of physiotherapy-focused care. You will also have the opportunity to participate in case conferences, ward rounds and a range of visits.

Our MSc in Physiotherapy is two-years full time and requires a suitable and relevant first degree.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:
aecc.ac.uk/physio-pr

At a Glance

Study Duration: Full-time 2 years
January start

Assessment

The course utilises a range of contemporary approaches to assessing learning, whilst also seeking to develop key applied skills and communication approaches. So alongside more traditional dissertation and essay assessments students will also write blogs, produce short videos, engage with social media, write consultancy reports, engage in case conferences, role plays and debates.

Unit Highlights

- Seminars and workshops
- Practice sessions
- Manual therapy and practice labs
- Placement opportunities
- Peer and expert observations
- Online learning and laboratory sessions

Accreditation

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP)
- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)

Postgraduate MSc Speech and Language Therapy (Pre-registration)

Deliver life-changing treatment plans for those with speech and language impairments



Deliver life-changing treatment plans for those with speech and language impairments.

This pre-registration course offers a fast-track into a rewarding career as a speech and language therapist helping people to enjoy a greater quality of life.

This course will empower you to diagnose speech and language problems in babies, children and adults, and design and deliver life-changing treatment plans for those with cleft palate, stammering, hearing impairments, voice disorders and other conditions.

While studying on the course you will learn how to build successful therapeutic relationships with your clients, giving them the confidence and empowerment to support their own treatment plans. You will also develop a patient-centred approach to practice and an understanding of the mental health challenges that might also be experienced by the patients and clients you work with.

This course aims to develop highly skilled evidence-based speech and language therapists who adopt a patient-centred approach to practice; prepared for the challenges of an advancing profession and evolving patient / client needs.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/msc-slt

At a Glance

Study Duration: Full-time 2 years

Assessment

Assessments are conducted through a range of contemporary approaches. Alongside more traditional dissertation and essay assessments students will also:

- Write blogs
- Produce short videos
- Engage with social media
- Write consultancy reports
- Engage in debates

Unit Highlights

- Professional Studies 1
- Speech Science for Speech and Language Therapists
- Acquired Speech and Language Disorders
- Conditions across the lifespan
- Research Methods in Health Science
- Mental Health
- Professional Studies 2
- Speech and Language Therapy Dissertation

Accreditation

- Health and Care professional Council (HCPC)
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

Postgraduate MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration)

Empower patients of all ages, experiencing physical, mental health or learning difficulties



Empower patients of all ages, experiencing physical, mental health or learning difficulties.

Our MSc Occupational Therapy (pre-registration) course will help you to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to enable you to excel working with patients of all ages who have or are experiencing physical, mental health or learning difficulties.

With a patient-centred approach, this course teaches you to empower people who for reasons of ill-health, disability, trauma or adverse social circumstances, face barriers and challenges which prevent them from undertaking the activities (or occupations) that matter to them.

Our course emphasises the importance of occupation in human life, the relationship between occupation, health and wellbeing, and the power of occupation to transform the lives of individuals, groups and communities.

Our contemporary curriculum is designed to ensure you are adequately equipped to respond to the complexity of your clients' needs, and ensures that care is safe, seamless and of a high standard. You will develop effective solutions to the challenges that patients are facing, by always seeking to understand the lived experience of the patient.

Upon graduation you will be eligible to apply for HCPC registration as an occupational therapist.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/msc-ot

At a Glance

Study Duration: Full-time 2 years

Assessment

Assessments are conducted through a range of contemporary approaches. Alongside more traditional dissertation and essay assessments students will also:

- Write blogs
- Produce short videos
- Engage with social media
- Write consultancy reports
- Engage in debates

Unit Highlights

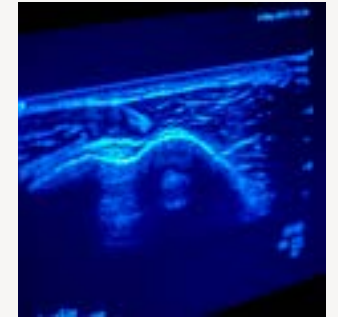
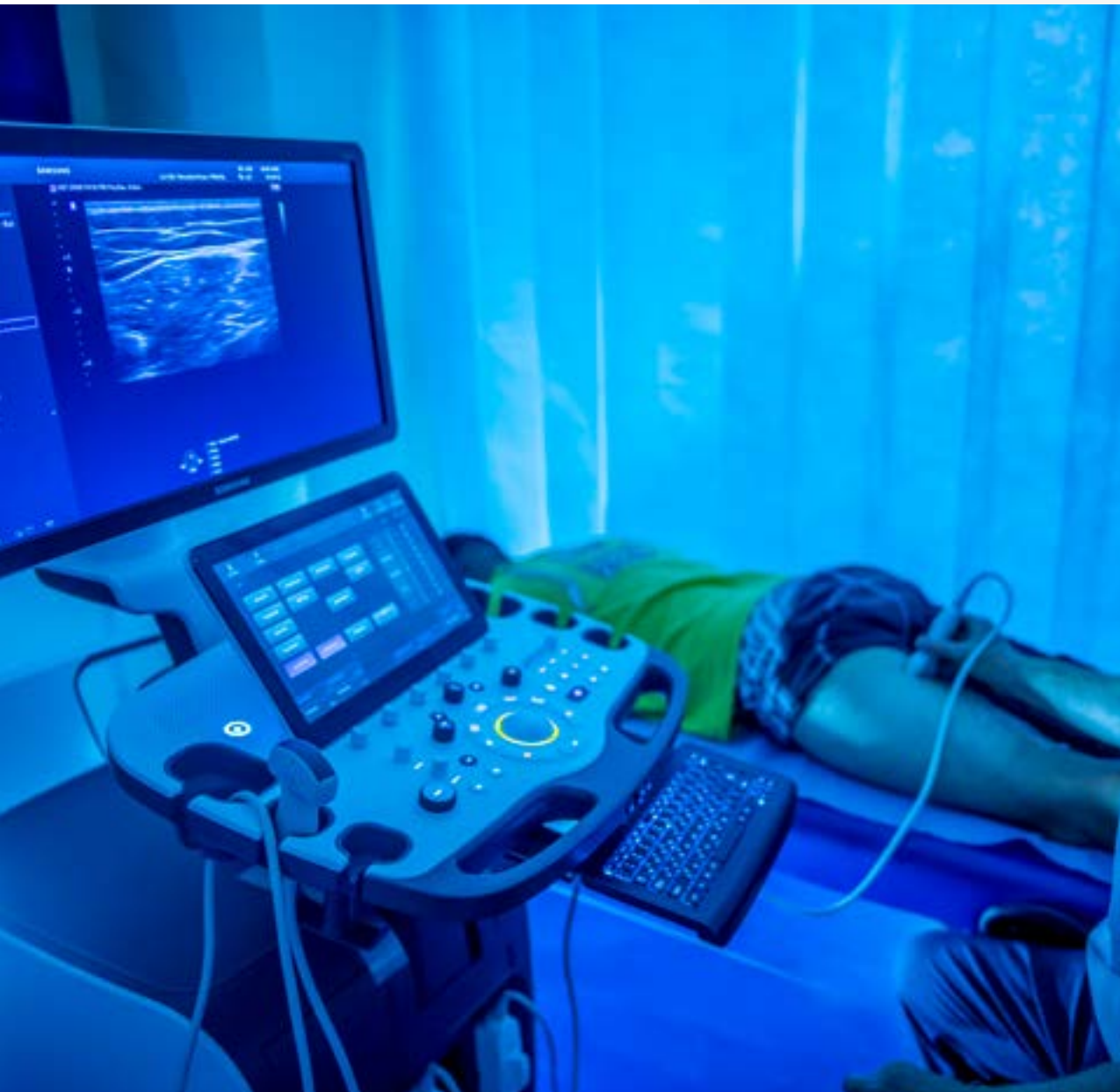
- Professional Studies 1
- Occupational Therapy in Practice 1
- Occupational Therapy in Practice 2
- The Thinking Therapist
- Research Methods in Health Science
- Mental Health
- Professional Studies 2
- Advanced Professional Practice in Occupational Therapy
- Occupational Therapy Dissertation

Accreditation

- Health and Care professional Council (HCPC)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)

Postgraduate MSc Medical Ultrasound

Enhance your advanced clinical and practical skills in ultrasound



The MSc Medical Ultrasound course supports your professional development. If you're a radiographer, physiotherapist, chiropractor, podiatrist, nurse, midwife or doctor, you can develop your skills and attitudes of continuing professional development, experiential learning and reflective practice.

Combine your professional learning in the workplace with our part-time course, meaning you can earn an academic qualification whilst you continue to progress in your profession.

With our expertise you will develop an understanding of the science and instrumentation of ultrasound in order to produce optimum images, with safety and quality assurance to make sure you lead with best practice. Choose from optional units in Gynaecology, First Trimester, Second and Third Trimester, General and Musculoskeletal Ultrasound to get the most out of your course to suit your needs.

Teaching will take the form of tutorials, workshops, practical clinical skills classes, seminars, small group work and lectures, as required within individual units. Private study will form a significant part of your learning; reading and researching and preparing presentations and assignments, spending roughly an average of 8 hours per week study time.

You will have access to our web-based resources, including electronic databases and gateways, and online journals and a discussion forum for you to network with others on your course.

At a Glance

Study Duration: Part-time 3 years

Assessment

Combines:

- Coursework
- Practical Assessment
- Reflective Coursework

Unit Highlights

- Science and Instrumentation of Ultrasound
- Audit Methods
- Clinical Audit
- Application specific units

Accreditation

CASE accredited

Even if your circumstances change and you cannot commit to the full 3 years of study, you will get the chance to earn a qualification at multiple exit routes. If you successfully complete stage one, you'll qualify for a PgCert (60 Level 7 credits), at stage two you'll qualify for a PgDip (120 Level 7 credits) and finally an MSc at the end of stage three (180 Level 7 credits).

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/medical-ultrasound

Postgraduate MSc Breast Imaging

Enhance your understanding of breast imaging with our highly bespoke master's programme.



Enhance your understanding of breast imaging with our highly bespoke master's programme.

Breast cancer is the most prevalent cancer among females in the UK, with one in two expected to be affected by cancer in their lifetime.

With radiologist shortages and an increase in health promotion and breast awareness, there is a huge need for Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACP's) in the workforce.

This course is aimed at professional practitioners such as Radiographers, Sonographers, GPs, breast clinicians as well as other health care professionals who work and have an interest in expanding their skills in breast imaging and breast health.

- Enhance your existing skills in identification and assessment of breast health issues.
- Attain application-specific skills in different aspects of breast imaging.
- Ensure safe and competent practice for entry to the profession as a reflective and critical practitioner.

Our bespoke programme allows you to tailor a course to you and your needs and caters for those on the pathway to move into advanced and consultant practice.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/msc-breastim

At a Glance

Study Duration: Part-time normally 3 - 4 years
September start

Qualifications: PG Cert, PG Dip, or MSc

Assessment

Combines:

- Coursework
- Practical assessment
- Reflective reports

Unit Highlights

Breast Ultrasound
Imaging guided breast intervention (optional)
Clinical Specialist Unit: Mammography Image reading and Reporting
Clinical Breast Assessment & Communication (optional)
Science and Instrumentation of Ultrasound (optional)
Professional Development (optional)
Leadership and Inter-professional working (optional)
Evidence Based Practice (optional)

Accreditation

- Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR)

Postgraduate MSc Dietetics (Pre-registration)

Learn how to translate complex scientific information about nutrition into everyday patient care



Learn how to translate complex scientific information about nutrition into everyday patient care.

Dietitians are the only profession to focus on the assessment, diagnosis and therapeutic interventions related to nutritional disorders.

This intensive two-year degree will equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to educate and guide your patients to make good choices in their nutritional intake.

Working with local NHS trusts you will develop as competent clinicians able to communicate with patients and other health professions about the status of patients and design and implement nutritional management plans to support their recovery.

You might be working with people who have chronic illness, children, athletes or those wishing to make better choices about their health. Whatever the reason, dietitians are key members of the healthcare workforce, applying their knowledge of food, nutrition, human science and research to support their patients.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/msc-diet

At a Glance

Study Duration: Full-time 2 years
January start

Assessment

Assessments are conducted through a range of contemporary approaches. Alongside more traditional dissertation and essay assessments.

Unit Highlights

- Foundations of Dietetic Practice
- Food Science
- Nutrition, Pathology and Pharmacology
- Clinical Dietetics
- Research Methods in Health Science
- Clinical Placement I
- Professionalism and Social Responsibility in Healthcare
- Therapeutic Dietetics
- Dissertation
- Clinical Placement II

Accreditation

- Health and Care professional Council (HCPC)
- British Dietetic Association (BDA)

Postgraduate MSc Podiatry (Pre-registration)

Improve your patient's mobility, independence and quality of life through the clinical management of illness and injury which can affect the foot and leg



Improve your patients' health through a thorough, scientific and clinical understanding of the foot and leg.

Develop a thorough understanding of how the foot, ankle and leg can have an impact on patients' health and how your role as a podiatrist can contribute to a person-centred model of care.

This two-year Pre-registration Masters degree will give you the knowledge and skills required to assess, diagnose and treat a variety of complaints associated with the foot and leg. You will learn about the biomechanics of movement; the effects of injury and how different illnesses can affect the health of the foot and leg.

Through 1000 hours of placement learning you will see patients in different settings including our on-site Podiatry clinic, private practice and NHS services. This will give you experience of a number of different working environments and a breadth of experience, preparing you for professional registration as a podiatrist.

The MSc Podiatry (Pre-registration) degree is designed for graduates with a degree in a relevant subject area who want to obtain both a professional and academic qualification in this challenging and rewarding career.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/msc-pod

At a Glance

Study Duration: Full-time 2 years
January start

Assessment

Assessments are conducted through a range of contemporary approaches. Alongside more traditional dissertation and essay assessments.

Unit Highlights

- Foundations of Podiatric Practice
- MSK Disorders of the Foot and Lower Limb
- Medicine and Surgery for Podiatric Practice
- Research Methods in Health Science
- Clinical Placement 1
- Chronic and Complex Patient Management
- Professionalism and Social Responsibility in Healthcare
- Dissertation
- Clinical placement 2

Accreditation

- Health and Care professional Council (HCPC)
- Royal College of Podiatrists (RCoP)

Research Degree (PhD)

Providing students with the opportunity to undertake research related to our four themes under the supervision of an experienced academic team.



The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in partnership with, and Awarded by Solent University is designed to provide students with the opportunity to undertake research related to our four themes under the supervision of an experienced academic team.

If you're passionate about generating knowledge and innovation that impacts the healthcare of tomorrow, our Research Degree programme provides the opportunity to undertake original research related to health sciences.

Your proposal must fit at least one of our four research themes:

- Health innovation and improvement
- Rehabilitation Science
- Health professions, education and practice
- Healthy Ageing and Wellbeing

As a specialist health sciences university we train a wide range of health-related professionals and uniquely also provide multiple clinical services. These are both private or in partnership with the NHS and independent health care sector, with access to highly specialised facilities such as our Integrated Rehabilitation Centre and Open Upright MRI within which a range of health-related research is embedded.

Our experienced staff will become your supervisory team and support your research, training and academic development.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/pgrd

At a Glance

Study Duration:

MPhil: 1.5 - 2 years Full-time or
3 - 4 years Part-time
PhD: 2 - 3 years Full-time or
4 - 6 years Part-time

Qualification

MPhil/PhD

Typical Offer

First or Upper Second Class Honours Degree
and/or Master's Degree

Study Mode

Full-time / part-time
(October Entry)

Centre for Workforce and Systems Innovations



We offer a professional development framework to guide you in your development.

Postgraduate

PGCert First Contact Practice

Become a First Contact Practitioner (Musculoskeletal) and improve the health of GP patients with musculoskeletal conditions



Allied Health Professions bring a unique set of skills to primary care. A First Contact Practitioner (FCP) is a registered allied health professional who is the first point of contact for patients, providing expertise and increased capacity to general practice and providing patients with faster access to the right care.

FCPs are qualified autonomous clinical practitioners who are able to assess, diagnose, treat and discharge a person without a medical referral – where appropriate. FCP sits within the clinical pillar of Advanced Clinical Practice, and therefore the clinician is working towards Advanced Clinical Practice.

At AECC University College we are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of NHS England funded FCP provision from September 2023 which includes both the taught and portfolio route to FCP recognition; roadmap supervisor training; and a Community of Practice. We are working closely with NHS Primary Care Training hubs to deliver this provision.

There are five First Contact Practitioner Roadmaps – these are: musculoskeletal; paramedic; occupational therapy; dietitian; and podiatry.

Roadmaps to Practice are supportive documents that provide a clear educational pathway from undergraduate to advanced practice for clinicians wishing to pursue a career in primary care. This ensures that a gold standard of care can be provided for patients, putting their safety at the forefront.

At a Glance

Study Duration: Both routes 12 months

Intakes: Sept, Jan and April each year

Course Details

Taught route:

There are two units within our taught route leading to PGCert, these are:

- Clinical Assessment and Reasoning for First Contact Practice (40 credits)
- First Contact Practice Stage 2 (20 credits)

Portfolio route:

- Developing a Professional Portfolio (20 credits, Level 7)

Entry Requirements

Please see our website for profession specific entry criteria

Our taught and portfolio routes to FCP are aimed at providing HCPC registered physiotherapists, osteopaths, podiatrists, occupational therapists, dieticians and paramedics the opportunity to develop as competent, evidence based first contact practitioners.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/pgc-fcp

Postgraduate

PGCert Health Sciences Education

Support the process of learning, teaching and assessment in the practice and academic setting of health sciences and healthcare, ideal for practice educators or academic teaching staff



This PGCert Health Sciences Education course is ideal for practice educators or academic teaching staff in higher education institutes (HEIs) as it offers flexibility to tailor the course to your own needs through selection of optional units.

The PGCert Health Sciences Education is designed for appropriately qualified and experienced practitioners/educators who support the process of learning, teaching and assessment in the practice and academic setting related to health sciences and healthcare. The course has been designed to be flexible to meet the needs of the workforce by offering one core unit and then a selection of optional units, which allow the course to be shaped by your own development requirement.

Through the course you will build confidence and gain competence as an effective educator by engaging with research and evidence-based teaching, learning and assessment strategies across a range of different, complex settings. You will learn from highly skilled educators from both academic and practice settings through various activities and through sharing experiences with your peers.

There is one core unit (Principles of Learning, Teaching and Assessment) and two optional units which make up the 60 credits required for this course. You will need to select these two optional units at application stage from a portfolio of five units.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:
aecc.ac.uk/pgcert-hse

At a Glance

Study Duration Part-time 1 year

Course Details

There is one core unit (Principles of Learning, Teaching and Assessment) and two optional units which make up the 60 credits required for this course.

You will need to select these two optional units at application stage from a portfolio of five units.

Units

Principles of learning, teaching and assessment
 Designing and developing health and social care education interventions
 Simulation-based education and assessment
 Workplace supervision
 Technology and digitally enhanced learning
 Leading for Health Sciences education

Typical Offer

Usually 2:2 degree or equivalent. With a minimum of 3 years' experience in your clinical field.

Postgraduate

MSc Advanced Clinical Practice

Further your career beyond traditional professional boundaries and expand the scope of your practice, with the aim of enhancing patient care and improving healthcare service delivery



AECC University College offers the Advanced Clinical Practice pathway as both an apprenticeship and a non-apprenticeship. This advanced clinical practice (ACP) programme is mapped to Health Education England's (2017) Multi-professional framework for ACP. This provides a structure to mould a flexible, individually-tailored pathway to gain the academic qualification, whilst transforming your role and meeting the competence and capabilities for ACP status recognition. Due to the multi-professional, personalised and adaptable nature of the course, it is appropriate for healthcare professionals from a wide and diverse range of professions and settings. With emphasis on workplace-based learning, alongside academic course delivery, the programme supports you to develop skills and knowledge, aligned to advanced level autonomous, independent practice.

By completing the course and transforming your role, you will work at an advanced level of clinical practice, with direct patient care at the forefront, with the other pillars of research, education and leadership/management core to all elements of your practice. This can support you in delivery of high quality, safe, effective patient care and to initiate and implement innovative, person-centred improvements for patient and service outcomes.

Our aim at AECC UC is to support you, as an experienced healthcare professional to advance your professional practice, to develop the practical knowledge and theoretical understanding required to undertake an advanced clinical practice role. You will be supported in your workplace by appropriate, experienced professional colleagues, such as ACPs / Consultant practitioners, Medical Consultants, specialist registrars or General Practitioners.

At a Glance

Study Duration: 3 years

Intake: September

Course Details

There are 8 units included in the course:

- Consultation and Clinical assessment for advancing practice (20 credits)
- Developing as an Advanced Clinical Practitioner across the four pillars (20 credits)
- Clinical Reasoning, Diagnostic Decision-making and Managing Complexity (20 credits)
- Therapeutic interventions and pharmacology for advancing clinical practice (20 credits)
- The Advanced Clinical Practitioner as educator and role model (20 credits)
- Negotiated work-based learning unit for advanced clinical practice (20 credits)
- Advanced Clinical Practice portfolio: leadership and research (20 credits) OR Advanced Clinical Practitioner End Point Assessment Preparation (20 credits)
- Service Improvement Project (40 credits)

Entry Requirements

Please see our website for entry criteria

You will be taught by experts in the field including academic lecturers, specialist and advanced clinical practitioners and pharmacist. This ensures that a gold standard of care can be provided for patients, putting their safety at the forefront.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:

aecc.ac.uk/msc-acp aecc.ac.uk/acpda

Postgraduate Clinical Reasoning, Diagnostic Decision Making and Managing Complexity for Advanced Practice Unit

Advance your skills in clinical reasoning, diagnostic decision making and managing complex patient presentation



Are you an experienced healthcare practitioner working in a clinical setting who has completed a consultation and clinical assessment unit and is aiming to enhance your patient assessment and management further by building your clinical reasoning, diagnostic decision making and ability to manage complex patient presentations?

This unit builds on your application into practice of knowledge and skills from the Consultation and Clinical Assessment for Advancing Practice unit, further developing your assessment methods to enable you to manage complex health conditions, across a diverse range of patient presentations.

You will focus on advancing your skills in clinical reasoning, diagnosis and planning and managing straightforward, planned as well as complex, unpredictable episodes of care. This may include admission, ongoing management and reviews, referral/s, discharge and follow-ups.

You will explore and apply to your own advancing clinical practice, personalised approaches to care and co-production that value partnership working, shared decision making, assessing and managing risk factors and their impact on health and well-being, all underpinned by a sound evidence-base.

The unit facilitates advancement of your critical thinking, independent decision-making and problem-solving skills and clinical judgement

If you are interested in applying for this course, please contact Dr Hilary Walsgrove (Associate Professor in Advanced Clinical Practice) at: HWalsgrove@aecc.ac.uk

At a Glance

Study Duration

Part-time, 8 taught days on campus, additional independent study and work-based learning supported by workplace clinical supervisor

Key Information

- 20 credits, level 7
- Core unit of MSc Advanced Clinical Practice or Standalone CPD framework unit for students who have already successfully completed Consultation and Clinical Assessment for Advancing Practice or an equivalent unit, which is a pre-requisite for undertaking this unit.

Assessment

A written reflective assignment based on two real-life case studies derived from consultations you have undertaken in practice

Entry Requirements Usually 2:2 degree or equivalent. Working in a clinical setting as a registered healthcare professional.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements: aecc.ac.uk/

Professional Development Opportunities

Consultation and Clinical Assessment for Advancing Practice Unit

Develop your patient assessment skills, including comprehensive history taking, physical examination and mental health assessment



Are you an experienced healthcare practitioner working in a clinical setting where advanced clinical assessment skills are required?

Are you aiming to enhance patient assessments across all major body systems and mental health with a higher level of autonomy and independent practice?

By undertaking this course, you will have the opportunity to develop a range of assessment methods, including comprehensive history taking, physical examination across major body systems and mental health assessment, building on your existing clinical acumen. This unit will enable you to advance your human life sciences knowledge and understanding, particularly anatomy and physiology, enhancing your skills in identifying causes, signs and symptoms of physical and mental health conditions and their assessment, diagnosis and management.

This course focuses on enhancing the quality of your holistic patient assessments using personalised approaches and therapeutic communication for consulting with individuals and their carers/families.

This intensive course uses a variety of learning and teaching methods, including seminars, online learning, simulation and supervised skills practised with peers. Additionally, there is significant focus on self-directed learning and application of knowledge and skills to your own clinical practice.

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At a Glance

Study Duration

10 taught days on campus, additional independent study and work-based learning supported by workplace clinical supervisor

Key Information

- 20 credits, level 7
- Core unit of MSc Advanced Clinical Practice or Standalone CPD framework unit
- This is the first of a pair of units and successful completion of this unit is a pre-requisite for the second unit 'Clinical Reasoning, Diagnostic Decision-making and Managing Complexity for Advanced Practice' that builds on this first unit.

Entry Requirements

Usually 2:2 degree or equivalent. Working in a clinical setting as a registered healthcare professional.

Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements: [aecc.ac.uk/pdframe](https://www.aecc.ac.uk/pdframe)

Professional Development Opportunities

Development Play

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This master's level unit provides professionals who are working in the field of education, early intervention and health an understanding of the **Developmental Play** approach and how it can be used to facilitate growth and development.

Play is children's occupation and clinicians and teachers working with children at risk and with challenges need to have clear frameworks, working models and child centered interventions to build best practice.

This introductory level introduces participants to why play matters, how it works and brings it all together through the lens of the developmental play pyramid, looking first at sensory body play and attachment safety play, then creative explorative play, meaning making play and higher play.

The **Developmental Play** Model grew out of work in rural India with children with disabilities.. Its emphasis is on preverbal neuro-development through play and supports the global drive by the Real Play Coalition, launched at Davos in 2018, to bring play back into all children's lives.

This unit is the first level of the blended learning program developed by CreateCATT (Creative Arts, Therapy and Training Pte. Ltd Singapore). Compatible with the UN Rights of the Child that states that ALL children have a right to play it offers an accessible model of play relevant across cultures and continents.

At a Glance

Study Duration: 4 months

Key Information:

- Appraise developmental play stages demonstrating an understanding of the neurobiology of play and its developmental importance for learning and wellbeing.
- Articulate and critique the theories and practice of play in education, health, parenting and wellbeing.
- Demonstrate skills in the nonverbal power of play and creativity and illustrate an ability to reflect on their own creative process.
- Critically reflect on your role in play-based learning and healthcare.

Entry Requirements:

Applicants should have a first degree or relevant experience and be working with young children



Discover more about this course, including fees, additional costs and entry requirements:
aecc.ac.uk/pdframe

Professional Development Opportunities

Workplace Supervision: Supporting Health and Social Care Professionals

High quality supervision for healthcare professionals is essential for supporting the development of confidence and capability and underpins patient and practitioner safety.



Are you an experienced healthcare practitioner working in a clinical or education setting actively engaging with lifelong learners of health and social care practice in supervisory, mentorship or coaching partnerships; guiding other health and/or social care professionals in such a capacity, or you may be a supervisee/mentee wishing to progress your career towards taking on a supervisory and/or mentorship role.

This unit aims to support and facilitate building and/or further developing your competence and capability as a workplace supervisor or guiding others to develop as such, within the context of relevant practice or educational settings.

The unit offers a flexible approach for embedding your learning and professional development within your practice, with particular focus on formative, normative and restorative functions of being a supervisor and developing as an effective and supportive mentor. You will have the opportunity to share your experiences with student peers working in practice and academic institution settings, exploring best practice and areas for improvement together in a safe, facilitated setting. The expectation is that you will be supported to develop the specific skills, knowledge and attributes required for your supervisor role within whatever context you work.

In this unit you will adopt self-directed, autonomous learning approaches. You will be supported to identify your own learning and professional development needs related to specific supervisory and/or mentorship role requirements, which provide the foundations for this unit.

At a Glance

Study Duration

Delivered using a blended approach over 5 days

Key Information

- 20 credits, level 7
- Optional Unit for the PGCert Health Sciences Education and available as a standalone unit in the Professional Development Framework

Entry Requirements

Usually 2:2 degree or equivalent. Working in a clinical and/or educational setting as a registered healthcare professional.

You will be guided and supported to critically evaluate and reflect on your supervisor and mentor role and its impact on supporting professional colleagues and/or students. This will involve considering your own values and beliefs systems and ethical and legal dilemmas that may occur within supervisory practice.

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Continuing Professional Development and Short Courses



Get training and offer more to your patients and your practice. We offer a range of continuing professional development (CPD) courses and short courses across the year for those who wish to enhance their professional development and increase their skills. These are regularly updated on our website at

aecc.ac.uk/shortcourses

Chiropractors, nurses, medical health professionals, osteopaths, physiotherapists, radiographers, radiologists, sonographers and exercise scientists are just some of the practitioners that can benefit from our diverse range of innovative, practical, and engaging courses.



Our Community

Community and Partnerships

We are at the forefront of engaging with others. Our research is presented at conferences around the world and we foster positive relationships with universities, funding bodies, governments, student associations, businesses and communities at regional, national and international levels.

Transforming our Communities

We may have a global outlook, but we're also firmly rooted in the local community and love to get involved wherever we can.

Campus Activities

We welcome our communities onto campus to learn more about who we are and what we do. Why not check out our series of 'Expert Talks' and join us in transforming lives through health sciences.

Our Partners

We work with a number of local and regional partners, providing value to our strategic institutional vision, giving back to our communities, and fostering the next generation of learners.

Our Drive

The quality of our official partnerships are testament to our drive and our passion to create transformational communities who share in our values and our successes.

For more information about our community activity please refer to our website here: aecc.ac.uk/community



Our Commitment

AECC University College is committed to ensuring we continue to be welcoming, diverse, and supportive, with a vibrant international community.

Schools and Colleges Outreach

AECC University College values the opportunity to help and support teachers and advisers in raising aspirations and progression to higher education.

Our Outreach Programme

Our Schools and Colleges Outreach Programme includes a series of activities, where students can either come on to campus for clinic shadowing and taster sessions, or we can come out to visit you in school, introducing higher education in an interactive and memorable way.

If you would like to find out more about any of our activities, or if you are hosting a careers fair and would like us to attend, please refer to our website here:

aecc.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges

Access and Participation

We are committed to encouraging and improving the equality of opportunity in higher education.

Actively Encouraging

AECC University College's aim is to widen access to under-represented groups as we grow. Through our Access and Participation activities we actively encourage a broad spectrum of students into higher education and support all students to achieve their potential.

Our Projects

We work with our local targets schools and community to deliver Access and Participation projects aimed to develop aspirations, raise attainment and therefore widen access to Higher Education.

Supporting Throughout

We work with students at both primary and secondary school level, and wish to support students at different stages of their academic journey to aim high, feel confident in their abilities, succeed and progress on to what they decide to do.

For more information about our provision and Access and Participation Plans please refer to our website here:

aecc.ac.uk/about

Extra information

International Students

Our Student Services team is dedicated to advising and supporting non-UK students on campus, as well as providing language support. More information is provided on our dedicated international students' page on our website, where you can also discover advice on preparing for study in the UK. If you need assistance help is on hand.

aecc.ac.uk/international

Student Finance

Our Student Finance team are here to help you with advice and information on loans, tuition fees, bursaries and scholarships. For more information please refer to

aecc.ac.uk/studentfinance

Equality and Diversity

AECC University College is committed to promoting equal opportunities. Our principal concern when considering applications is that the individual will be able to achieve the learning outcomes of the course. Our Dignity, Diversity and Equality Policy underlines every aspect of our student selection process and underpins our commitment to developing and maintaining an institution where students from all backgrounds can flourish.

Data Protection

We are committed to the principles inherent in the GDPR and particularly to the concept of privacy by design, the right to be forgotten, consent and a risk-based approach. In addition we aim to ensure:

- Transparency with regard to how we use data
- Any processing is lawful, fair, transparent and necessary for a specific purpose
- Data is accurate, kept up to date and destroyed when no longer necessary
- Data is kept safely and securely

Disclaimer

AECC University College has sought to ensure that information presented in this prospectus is correct at the time of going to press. As courses are kept under constant review, and changes are made in syllabuses and course structure, we cannot assure that all information is accurate.

What's Next

Search 'student agreement' on our website for latest guidelines on terms and conditions.

aecc.ac.uk/policies



Open Days

Go beyond the prospectus

Our Open Days are the best way to decide if AECC University College is the right fit for you. We regularly open our doors to welcome you, answer your questions and give you any advice you need on your application.

Explore our beautiful campus, see our impressive array of facilities and, most importantly, meet the students and staff who make our University College a great community to be a part of.

Explore our campus clinics, talk with current students, and get hands on with our state-of-the-art teaching and learning technology. Visit the departments you're interested in and meet your potential lecturers; ask them questions to get a real sense of what we offer.

You will also have the opportunity to explore the local area. Make a day of it and spend time down at the beach, or head into the centre of Bournemouth to soak up the atmosphere and see the local landmarks.

Can't wait?

Book your place on an open day, plan your perfect experience and come see for yourself.

Your future begins here:
aecc.ac.uk/opendays

Get Social

Be sure to check out our social media channels for interactive content on our various subject areas, picturesque views of our campus and Bournemouth, and institutional updates. You'll get a sense of what it's like to study and live here, as well as what it means to be part of our health sciences community.



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