## **AECC Prospectus**

Excellence in education, clinical training and research



Welcome to the AECC, a leading higher education institution with specific interest in musculoskeletal health. As a leader in this field, our reputation attracts world leading faculty and speakers that allows us to provide courses of excellence for a range of healthcare professionals.

The core of our educational provision is of course, as our name suggests, chiropractic. We are proud of our long history of excellence in chiropractic education, research and clinical training, which has earned us a world-renowned reputation throughout the chiropractic profession.

## Welcome to the AECC

Building on this experience, we have developed an impressive range of specialist postgraduate programmes, attracting practitioners from many healthcare fields including chiropractic, medicine, sports science and physiotherapy to name a few. For example, we have become a leading provider in musculoskeletal diagnostic ultrasound education and training, which continues to grow and develop along with our other programmes year on year.

All of this means that we are a lively and dynamic community, providing education and training in chiropractic and other disciplines of the highest quality and excellence.

I thank you for taking an interest in the AECC.

Professor Haymo Thiel Principal

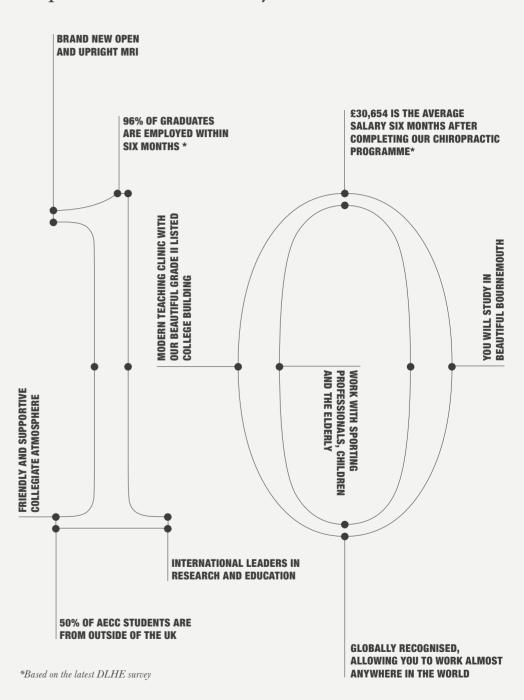
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## Top 10 reasons to study at the AECC



What makes

us different?

#### **ABOUT US**

Here at the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic (AECC) we have a global reputation as a leader in musculoskeletal healthcare. We are proud to offer students the opportunity to benefit from our state of the art facilities and international reputation, which we have earned through continuously driving innovation and development.

Since opening our doors to students in 1965 as the first chiropractic college in Europe, we have built on our success each year through our commitment to excellence in all that we do, now offering a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

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#### **ASHLEY VERCH**

Student
The AECC has a unique student
body made up of like-minded
individuals...the learning

individuals...the learning environment in the AECC clinic is exceptional.

We remain committed to excellence in education, clinical training and research that allows us to cultivate an environment in which our students are encouraged to achieve the highest standards and our teaching staff are regarded among the best in the world. As such, those who are attracted to undertake our courses come from various educational and professional backgrounds, including:

Science, sport, physiotherapy, medicine, chiropractic, exercise science, osteopathy, nursing and radiography.





We are an independent provider of higher education but benefit from government funding through our relationship as an Associate College of Bournemouth University. We invited the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) in to assess us, (this is not compulsory for an independent provider) achieving very successful outcomes and highlighting specific areas of excellence, including the use of professional benchmarks as quality standards and the teaching clinic as a training facility for students.



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#### **JUDY LEE**

Student

I started studying at the AECC in 2010 as an international student from Hong Kong and was quickly welcomed into the AECC family. During my time studying here I have made lots of friends from around the world and feel that the AECC has given me the solid foundation and clinical knowledge to become a good chiropractor. It makes me proud to be an AECC student.

#### **OUR FACULTY**

Our faculty come from all over the world to teach at the AECC. We are proud of our ability to attract experienced, highly qualified and professional staff from many disciplines including radiology, physiotherapy and anatomy.

Recognised globally as leaders in their field, our faculty continuously contribute to research, enhancement of patient care, and provide services to professional bodies including those related to the national health service and the chiropractic profession.

#### **MAKING YOU FEEL AT HOME**

Students feel instantly at home on our campus. Set in beautiful woodland grounds, just 10 minutes from Bournemouth's award-winning beach; it is a perfect location for in-depth study.

The marriage of heritage and innovation at the AECC is no more apparent than through our facilities and buildings. The main college building dates back to 1888, housing two large lecture theatres, practice rooms, science and human anatomy pro-section laboratories, extensive library, restaurant, student bar and lounge as well as a retail centre. It sits happily alongside our state of the art chiropractic clinic and Centre for Ultrasound Studies.

Students also benefit from an on-site gymnasium, which boasts cardio equipment, indoor football pitch, Olympic lifting platform and climbing wall.

The AECC library houses an extensive collection of printed books and journals. In addition to this, the library provides online access to a vast and growing number of electronic resources, including databases, e-journals and e-books. Individual study spaces are available throughout the library, as is a bookable group study room for collaborative work. Wi-Fi is available throughout the campus and there is plenty of space to work independently or in groups using own devices, or laptops which are available for loan from the library.

All students are signed up to our learning portal Moodle, where teaching and learning resources are uploaded by faculty members. Students also have access to a brand new, top of the range multimedia editing suite and an anatomical models laboratory.



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#### **FEDERICO TISO**

AECC graduate

I think that the relationship between tutors and students at the AECC is fantastic, as they appear to be truly interested in getting the students to learn rather than simply preparing them to pass exams.

### Students' Union

The AECC Students' Union (SU) is responsible for representing the student body in all areas of student life, from organising social events and nights out to acting as a liaison between staff and students. As a close-knit institution, the SU at the AECC really is at the heart of the student experience.

#### **CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

With a diverse range of clubs and societies including national sports teams, Amnesty International, LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender), Caffeine magazine and a music society, you're sure to find something to suit your particular interests. If you can't find what you're looking for from our extensive list of clubs, the SU also welcomes fresh ideas from students. The SU continually offers financial support and advice to clubs and is always looking for innovative ways to stretch students beyond their academic studies.



#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The SU is proud of the diversity of nationalities attending the AECC and is actively involved in welcoming and integrating all international students to the college. There is an International Officer who liaises with the students year-round providing advice on accommodation, support with language and learning difficulties and guidance on settling into the UK and college life. The SU highly recommends using the 'Prepare for success' website in order for your time as a student in England.

Throughout the year a range of events and activities are organised to integrate students within their own year as well as with other year groups in the college.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Our Insight Club organises a series of guest speakers throughout the year to allow expression and debate among students to strengthen understanding of the chiropractic profession.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Once you've made the decision that the AECC is the place for you, we have plenty of information to ensure that you will find the right accommodation for your needs. Although we don't offer halls of residence at the AECC, a list of suitable student accommodation is prepared every year by the SU. Available on our website, you'll find a link to guest houses and short-term lets, as well as a link to our own AECC student accommodation group on Facebook, which can put you in contact with potential flatmates.

If you ever find yourself unhappy with your landlord, tenancy contract or living conditions, the SU is your point of call. We are here to support you through any difficulties so that vou can concentrate on enjoying your time at the AECC.

#### **SU SUPPORT**

The SU operates an open-door policy where all students are welcome and encouraged to pop in with queries, suggestions or simply for a chat.

We can provide you with help and advice on any aspect of student life via our Student Union members, NUS qualified representatives and our own qualified counsellors. The advice centre at Bournemouth University is also available to help, should you need it.



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#### **SARIT SIRINAN**

SU President

Here at AECC we have a very active Students' Union. Starting with the Freshers' events at the beginning of the year, the SU aims to help you throughout your time at college. Our vision is to improve the student experience through support, passion and leadership. The SU consists of eight roles which are voted in by the student body every year, as well as a representative from each academic year. As well as representing the student body in meetings at all levels in the college, the SU is an integral part of everyday college life. We aim to serve the students by managing the sports teams, running social events, producing an AECC clothing line, running our on-site bar and helping with academic support and guidance. We also have a college gym that runs classes such as spin, aerobics and martial arts. There are a variety of well-established clubs here at the college such as rugby, football, handball, climbing, surfing, music and many more!



## Research enhanced eduation

Our research ensures evidence-informed practice is taught throughout the students' time with us, underpinning their education and in turn keeping them up-to-date with contemporary changes in approaches to clinical care. We encourage students to be critical thinkers and to explore new research in order for them to become valuable members of an ever-developing healthcare community once they leave us.



#### **JONATHAN FIELD**

AECC graduate

Jonathan has been interested in how patients report their outcomes following treatment and has pioneered the Care Response software. This is being used in clinical settings to collect information regarding patients' perception of outcomes in order to improve patient satisfaction.

Jonathan has been listed as one of The Times UK's tob 100 doctors.



Some of our current research projects:

#### IMRCI

The College's Institute for Musculoskeletal Research and Clinical Implementation (IMRCI)

is a world leader in the development of Quantitative Fluoroscopy (QF) - an advanced technique for measuring the stability of spinal linkages. A centre for research and enterprise, the Institute has patented and commercialised QF in partnership with medical devices companies and its staff have recently published ground breaking research that has shown for the first time potential relationships between spinal mechanics, pain and manipulative treatment.

#### **PROMS**

Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) are a form of questionnaire which measures the level of health as viewed by the patient. This system has begun to be adopted within the NHS and students in our on site clinic are trained to use PROMs in managing patients. Our research centres around how PROMs can be used to monitor outcomes in musculoskeletal conditions that account for significant NHS expenditure such as diabetes, asthma and stroke.

The acquisition of an open and upright MRI scanner in 2014 will lead to many more exciting projects, cementing the AECC as a leader in musculoskeletal (MSK) imaging. Together with our on-site Centre for Ultrasound Studies, X-ray and Quantitive Fluoroscopy (QF), this addition will ensure the AECC remains firmly at the forefront of MSK diagnostic imaging.

# Research faculty profiles



#### **JENNI BOLTON**

Jenni has been at the college for over 20 years. Graduating with a PhD from Southampton she coordinated the research activity at the AECC for many years. She, along with others, is the author of the Bournemouth Questionnaire, a musculoskeleta specific outcome measure that is used widely by researchers investigating aspects of low back pain and neck pain. This questionnaire recently was recommended as the preferred measure for clinician's applying for Any Qualified Provider status to treat MSK patients funded by the NHS. Jenni is now Vice Principal of Postgraduate Studies and Research.



#### **ALISTER DU ROSE**

Recent research undertaken at the AECC has focused on the kinematics of intervertebral motion in both the cervical and lumbar spines. Alister's PhD, funded by the European Chiropractic Union Research Fund (ECURF) builds on this work, and investigates what is 'normal' in terms of the biomechanics of the lumbar spine. This is an important question, as until a better understanding of normal is established, it remains difficult to determine what is abnormal.



#### FIONA MELLOR

Finishing her prestigious Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship from the National Institute of Health Research while working as a Research Radiographer in the Institute for Musculoskeletal Research and Clinical Implementation (IMRCI), based at the AECC. Fi is poised to become a national leader in imaging research. She comes armed with many multidisciplinary links and experiences, a recent keynote lecture on her doctoral work at the UK Radiological Congress and a ground-breaking paper providing evidence of links between low back pain and the function of the passive holding elements of the spine.



#### **JOYCE MILLER**

Joyce Miller graduated from North Western Health Sciences University, Minnesota College in 1984 and has been at the AECC for 17 years. She is known internationally as a speaker and author of research concerning the impact of chiropractic care on excessively crying babies and has undertaken a wide range of studies exploring the impact of chiropractic care on both babies and on mothers of young children. She heads up a paediatric clinic at AECC and has recently gained her PhD by publication from Bournemouth University.



#### DAVE NEWELL

AECC's Director of Research "The burden of musculoskeletal based disability, particularly low back pain is huge. Millions of visits by such patients to GPs every year in the UK take up considerable resources. Finding ways to provide excellent care and support for such individuals without bankrupting the NHS is a very contemporary problem and the research work we do here at the AECC has added to that effort at a number of levels. We are very proud of what we achieve at the AECC and although small we feel we punch considerably above our weight with the impact we have at national and international forums and amongst other researchers exploring answers to similar questions."

## State of the art clinical facilities

What sets us apart is our dedication to best prepare students for a career as a healthcare professional. We pride ourselves on providing a high quality clinical experience in a variety of environments for our multi-disciplinary students.

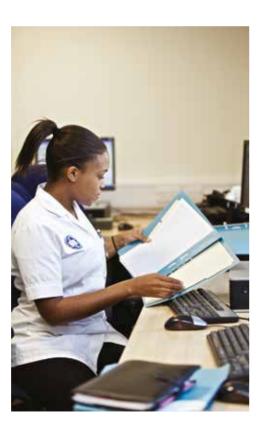
Students on all of our courses come into contact with the Rehabilitation and Exercise Centre, Centre for Ultrasound Studies and diagnostic imaging facilities, with all students encouraged to work closely together as they would in a professional setting.

CHIROPRACTIC STUDENTS

Those who choose to study with us benefit from our on-site, state of the art teaching clinic featuring 33 consultation and treatment rooms, a functional Rehabilitation and Exercise Centre, plus facilities for diagnostic and 4D ultrasound, x-ray, fluoroscopy and our new Open Upright MRI scanner. With over 1,000 patient treatments a week, the AECC clinic is one of the busiest chiropractic clinics in Europe.

In addition to our campus clinic, we have been operating a clinical facility at Bournemouth University for the last 11 years offering clinical placements for students.

Chiropractic students spend their last year as clinical interns. During this time they are working within our clinics under the guidance and supervision of our highly qualified clinical tutors, enabling them to gain clinical and professional skills.



### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND PLACEMENTS OUTSIDE OF THE AECC

Throughout their clinical education, students will not only visit our own clinical facilities, but also complete rotations in a local hospital and GP practice, as well as participate in our busy community outreach programme.

Placement opportunities are offered at AFC Bournemouth.



#### INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION

Our clinical reputation and facilities are internationally renowned for their quality. We were invited to visit the World Health Organisation (WHO) resulting in AECC students working on a project based on international healthcare standards.

Students also work with elite athletes and in 2012 we hosted members of the Icelandic Olympic team for their pre-Olympic training camp due to our state of the art facilities and links with sporting clubs, helping one member achieve a new National Record at London 2012.

Students also benefit from links with a plethora of local sporting clubs on a weekly basis, undertaking functional assessments and injury prevention work.



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#### **JAMES BURGESS**

AECC graduate
Without going to the AECC I don't
think I would have got into football
this early on. I think it's a fantastic
college and I'm really proud to say
I studied at the AECC.

# AECC diagnostic imaging

AECC houses two special imaging technologies for the investigation of musculoskeletal disorders that are not available together anywhere else in the world: Quantitative Fluoroscopy of the Spine and Open Upright MRI.

The former has mainly been used for research, but is now coming of age as an important diagnostic tool for determining the mechanical stability of the segments of the neck and back. These issues are key ones in the diagnosis of problematical spine disorders that may require surgery.



#### **OPEN UPRIGHT MRI**

The AECC has the only open, upright MRI scanner in the South of England and is the only chiropractic institution to have this specific scanner. We accept referrals from registered health professionals through our MRI service:

Bournemouth Open Upright MRI. This is used for patients who need an upright scan, suffer from claustrophobia in a conventional scanner or need to be scanned with their limbs or body in a bent position.

Both MRI and Quantitative Fluoroscopy (QF) are producing research opportunities at the AECC, as well as enhanced learning experiences for our student body.



#### **CENTRE FOR ULTRASOUND STUDIES (CUS)**

We are proud to boast an on-site centre of excellence in our Centre for Ultrasound Studies. The centre provides a number of innovative, high quality ultrasound courses for a variety of healthcare professionals and allows AECC students to engage with ultrasound as a diagnostic facility. It also hosts our MSc Medical Ultrasound programme, providing placement opportunities for those on this programme.

#### X-RAY AND QUANTITIVE FLUOROSCOPY (QF)

Students can refer patients to our on-site x-ray facility which also houses our Quantitative Fluoroscopy (QF) equipment for measuring spinal movement.



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#### **DR DAVID WICKES**

President, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College It's been many years since I've visited AECC... I'm very impressed with the advances you have made in imaging. We have a long established history of providing programmes in the specialist niche of musculoskeletal medicine, with a very well established core of chiropractic education.

## Our Courses

As a specialist institution, the AECC is committed to providing students with an environment that fosters the acquisition of understanding and skills at the forefront of knowledge, the attitudes to continue to learn throughout professional life, and quality learning opportunities and experiences to equip them to practise to the highest professional standards in their chosen careers.





## Access to Higher Education Diploma

**HUMAN HEALTH SCIENCES** 

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

This one year course is designed for those who wish to enter health-related degree courses, but may not yet have the necessary skills and qualifications to obtain a place on their chosen course. This course equips you for higher education leading to possible careers in chiropractic, exercise science, community health and rehabilitation, midwifery, physiotherapy, osteopathy or health sciences. The part-time nature of this course allows students to undertake it whilst continuing with paid employment. It is a nationally recognised qualification accepted by universities across the UK. Students completing this course are automatically offered an interview for our chiropractic degree programme.

#### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course is open to students who do not have formal qualifications or do not have an appropriate profile of qualifications to study healthcare at higher education.

All applicants must complete an application form and attend the college for an interview.

Students are advised to check the entry requirements for the specific degree programme they wish to apply for, to ensure that this Access to Higher Eduction Diploma will provide them with the appropriate qualification to apply for their chosen subject area.

#### **COURSE AIMS**

This course aims to provide students with the skills and experience needed to prepare them for studying a variety of health related courses at higher education. This includes subject specific knowledge together with study skills so that they can progress to a health-related higher education course.

#### **COURSE CONTENT**

The course covers a variety of science and human health topics including:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Psychology
- Health promotion
- Research methods

Placements in a healthcare setting ensure that students have the right level of theoretical and practical experience needed to progress further with their studies. Such placements can be taken in the AECC's modern clinic, located on campus.

Each student will be allocated a personal tutor who will help the student to progress through the course. The tutor will provide both academic and pastoral support should they be needed at any stage throughout the programme.

This is particularly important given the format of delivery where the student will attend lectures but also have to study independently in order to achieve the necessary standards.

We use a variety of assessment methods on this course, including:

- Written examinations
- Essays
- Presentations
- Portfolios
- Group debates
- Online blogs

Students on the Access Course who wish to continue into higher education courses will be given support with their UCAS applications. This includes help with writing personal statements and providing references for the student where required. Students will be advised to contact their personal tutors on a regular basis to ensure that they are supported with their studies and progressing satisfactorily through the course.

#### **DESTINATION OF STUDENTS**

Students completing the Access to Higher Education Diploma at the AECC have to date gained entry onto degrees in chiropractic, podiatry and exercise science. Students who have completed this course are guaranteed an interview onto our chiropractic degree programme.



Fees 2015: £1,550Duration: 1 year, part time

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#### **ANDY MORRIS**

As a sixth form leaver a concern of mine was not having the right A-levels to start my chosen programme of study (chiropractic). Fortunately, the Access course at the AECC gave me the foundation I needed to start my degree. Studying on the Access Diploma, I learnt good study habits and how to self direct my learning – skills that have been invaluable to me as a chiropractic student, putting me in a stronger starting position for my degree. Another advantage of coming from Access is that I had already made friends, and knew my way around the college. This made the transition to degree level studying much easier for me.



AECC PROSPECTUS 2016/17



# Master of Chiropractic\* (MChiro)

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Our integrated Masters (MChiro) Chiropractic programme spans five years with two entry points and combines practical and theoretical learning. Graduates who who successfully complete the MChiro programme are fully-qualified chiropractors, and are eligible to apply for registration with the General Chiropractic Council. The AECC is accredited by the General Chiropractic Council and the European Council on Chiropractic Education.

#### WHY CHIROPRACTIC?

Chiropractic is a highly respected, government registered, healthcare discipline, and a rewarding profession with good job prospects. Chiropractors have the skills to diagnose and treat a variety of musculoskeletal conditions. Chiropractic treatment emphasises manual treatments, often combined with exercises, to relieve pain, discomfort and disability, and to restore optimal function within a patient-centred, biopsychosocial, healthcare model. Chiropractors enjoy flexibility of working environments and locations, mostly working within private healthcare but they can also treat NHS-funded patients through the Any Qualified Provider (AQP) scheme.

#### **COURSE AIMS**

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The programme content and structure are designed to give students clinical experience from day one, through exposure to case studies and patient observation. The programme will provide students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to treat patients under supervision in our busy on-site, purpose built, modern clinic. During the clinical internship year students will refine their clinical skills and develop as a healthcare professional whilst gaining the experience necessary to be able to deliver the highest standards of care.

Students will enter in either year 0 or year 1 of the programme depending on their previous qualifications.

#### **UNIT BREAKDOWN**

Year 0 (Foundation year) Units

- Human biology & physiology I
- Human biology & physiology II
- Introduction to chiropractic
- Clinical problem solving
- Transferable skills
- Health concepts I

#### Year 1 Units

- Clinical management I
- Case-based learning I
- Health concepts II
- Human function & dysfunction I
- Human structure I
- Human structure II

#### Year 2 Units

- Clinical management II
- Case-based learning II
- Clinical research methods
- Diagnosis I
- Human function & dysfunction II
- Human structure III

#### Year 3 Units

- Clinical management III
- Clinical imaging
- Diagnosis II
- Diagnosis III
- Research project
- Clinical internship I

Students completing year 3 will also need to successfully complete the Clinic Entrance Qualifying Examination in order to progress into the final year of the programme.

#### Year 4 Units

- Clinical internship II
- Marketing & small business management
- Professional & ethical practice
- Research informed practice

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications through UCAS Institution code: A65 Programme code: B320

#### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry into year 1, 320 UCAS points which should include Biology and one other science subject at A-level\*.

For entry into year 0 (Foundation year), 260 UCAS points\*.

\*Please contact admissions@aecc.ac.uk for further information.

#### INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications equivalent to the UCAS points stated above. Please contact admissions(@aecc. ac. uk for further information.

Fees 2015

£9,000 per year for UK and EU students £13,158 per year for overseas students

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\*subject to validation and accreditation

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### AECC chiropractic alumni



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MATTHEW BENNETT

DC FCC FBCA President,

British Chiropractic Association

Chiropractic care is increasingly in demand as it is found to be safe and effective for a range of conditions. As health budgets are squeezed in the NHS cost effective treatments are becoming more important. Chiropractors are providing care on the NHS in several regions around the UK and this is likely to increase.

Chiropractors are also in demand in other parts of the world. Having worked in New Zealand before setting up my own practice more than 20 years ago I appreciate the value of having a qualification that is internationally recognised.

If you are thinking about becoming a chiropractor, then AECC is one of the best institutions in the world to get your qualification. It is a decision you will be pleased you took.

Being a chiropractor is not just a job, it is not just a career either. It is far more than that. As you discover the satisfaction of relieving someone's pain, of getting them back to work or being able to look after their family again you discover what it is to be a chiropractor.

The immense fulfilment that we have from treating patients who have tried many other treatment approaches for their muscle and joint problems means that we are in a privileged position to impact thousands of lives.

AECC prepares you for this challenge. As a world-class institution with a global reputation for research, academic rigour and innovation you will graduate having earned the right to call yourself a chiropractor. I am proud to call myself a graduate of AECC.

Whilst patients are always at the heart of what we do, being a chiropractor is also about more than our hands on work. Some chiropractors like the challenge of running their own businesses whilst others find research or teaching is more important to them. Some manage to combine all of these roles and more!



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#### **RICHARD BROWN**

Graduated in 1990

Secretary General of the World Federation of Chiropractic

AECC provided me with a fantastic education and gave me an academic grounding that has motivated me throughout my career career. Now I'm looking forward to another 20 (or so) exciting years in practice.



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#### **MARIA SCHLOTT**

Graduated in 2011
Working with animals

I now treat horses, dogs and humans with musculo-skeletal problems and run my own business successfully in Surrey – all of which is built on a high standard of education at the AECC.



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#### **MATT SCROGGS**

Graduated in 2010

Formula 1 chiropractor for Williams Mercedes
The AECC provides a solid clinical foundation for a career as a chiropractor.



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#### **DONNA STRACHAN**

Graduated in 2001

A leading consultant in elite sports

When you treat, you can help people who have been in pain for years, making a positive impact; this can be an incredible privilege. The AECC has given me a life and profession I love.



**BSC (HONS)** 

Clinical Exercise Science

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

This innovative and practical course develops clinical exercise science practitioners who can design, implement and manage safe and competent evidence-based exercise and rehabilitation programmes for the healthy, ill, disabled and sporting populations. The course is endorsed by the Register of Exercise Professionals (REP) at levels 2, 3 and 4. This means that students will be studying extra REP categories alongside their degree, giving them a huge advantage over graduates from other universities when entering the workplace. This course is delivered by a wide variety of scientists and clinicians so students will develop an understanding of anatomical, physiological and behavioural aspects of health and illness. Students will study at both AECC and at our partner, Bournemouth University, giving them access to new science labs and state of the art clinical training facilities where they'll be able to integrate suitable exercise into health promotion.

Clinical placements begin from Year 1, allowing students to apply and expand their understanding of anatomical, physiological and behavioural aspects of health and illness in a variety of hospital, clinical and rehabilitation settings such as the community and exercise referral schemes based in leisure centres.

The degree will provide students with a strong scientific knowledge and practical skills to become an effective practitioner who can prescribe and manage exercise and rehabilitation programmes.

#### **UNIT BREAKDOWN**

Year One

- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- The Anatomy of Human Movement
- Principles of Food & Nutrition
- Psychosocial Aspects of Health
- Exercise Prescription I
- Research Methodologies I
- Work Placement 40 hours

#### Year Two

- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Pathophysiology
- Exercise Prescription II
- Promoting Health & Wellbeing
- Management of Rehabilitation Systems
- Research Methodologies II
- Work Placement 70 hours

#### **OPTIONAL 40 WEEK PLACEMENT**

As well as clinical placements students will undertake throughout the course, they will have the option of taking a further 40-week placement between years two and three. This placement enables students to become more involved in the delivery of effective rehabilitation programmes as their skills and confidence develop, while increasing their employability.

#### YEAR THREE/ FOUR

Core Units

- Integrated Clinical Rehabilitation -Long Term Diseases
- Integrated Clinical Rehabilitation -Musculoskeletal Injuries
- Community Health & Wellbeing:
- Dissertation
- Work Placement 90 hours

#### **OPTION UNITS (CHOOSE ONE)**

- Advanced Psychology for Health & Wellbeing
- Contemporary Nutrition
- Advanced Exercise Prescription

#### **CAREERS**

Graduates from this course will be able to find employment with exercise referral schemes. physical rehabilitation clinics, hospital rehabilitation departments, public recreation facilities, sports clubs, professional sports centres, clubs and teams and medical centres.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

280 UCAS points, including 80 points in a required subject (at least one science subject). Offers will be subject and grade specific, particularly in the science subjects.

Students have the opportunity to take further exercise and rehabilitation REPs (Register of Exercise Professionals) qualifications whilst on the programme. These are recognised by industry and give our graduates more to offer to employers.

The REPs qualifications are integrated into units within the programme and take place in conjunction with Sport BU and awarded by Active IQ.









Fees 2015

£,9,000 per year for UK, EU and Channel Islands students £13,000 per year for International (non-EU) students



#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

As a world leading healthcare institution, the AECC offers a range of postgraduate opportunities. Delivered part-time with some attendance at the college, students have the flexibility to continue working whilst gaining further qualifications.

#### **LEARNING AND DELIVERY**

Our MSc programmes involve attending some formal seminars as well as self-study. We provide teaching through a mix of tutorials, workshops, practical skills classes, seminars, small group work and lectures, as required within individual units, and to meet the needs of specific programmes of study developed for each student.

## Postgraduate Studies

### POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CHIROPRACTIC)

This is a one year distance-based programme designed for chiropractors who are just starting out in their career and are studying on a Graduate Education Programme or PRTS programme. This programme is also suitable for newly qualified chiropractors returning to a country that does not offer a Graduate Education Programme.

The AECC offers two part-time Master of Science (MSc) frameworks:

#### **MSC ADVANCED PROFESSSIONAL PRACTICE (APP)**

With three programmes to develop advanced clinical and practical skills in specialised areas of practice.

All MSc programmes are available with various exit qualifications. The first stage is the Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert) then, if you wish, you can carry on to the Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) stage. The final stage is the Master of Science (MSc) qualification. It typically takes one year to complete each stage. All programmes are part-time and start each October.

MSc Advanced Professional Practice (APP)

- Clinical Sciences
- Paediatric Musculoskeletal Health
- Functional Musculoskeletal Health\*

#### MSC MEDICAL ULTRASOUND

 $\label{eq:constraint} Accredited by The Consortium for Accreditation of Sonographic Education (CASE).$ 

The programme develops advanced clinical and practical skills in areas of ultrasound practice. Areas of study include Musculoskeletal Upper Limb Ultrasound, Musculoskeletal Lower Limb Ultrasound, Musculoskeletal Hip/Groin Ultrasound, Gynaecology Ultrasound, Obstetrics Ultrasound, General Ultrasound and Negotiated Ultrasound Skills.



#### **DURATION OF STUDY**

PgCert (60 Level 7 credits)
Normally one year

PgDip (120 Level 7 credits)
Normally an additional one year

MSc (180 Level 7 credits)

Normally an additional one or two years

#### **ENROLMENT**

Once a year in October.

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#### **SIMON GARSTIN**

MSc APP Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation
I really liked the look of the structure of the course, that it is relatively involved but not so much time requirement in terms of being away from my practice and the support from the tutors is fantastic.

Annual fees start from £2300

AECC.AC.UK/PG



# ecc.ac.uk/requirement

## Fees and financial support

The MChiro programme will be a five year programme with two entry points. Students will start in year 0 or year 1 dependent on their background qualifications. This programme is an integrated Master's degree, rather than two separate qualifications. For UK and EU students fees will be set at £9,000 a year, attracting Student Loan Company tuition loans of £9,000 per year.

For more information about the various types of finance that you may be eligible for visit www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview

To apply for student finance visit www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance

For further information about financial assistance offered at the AECC visit www.aecc.ac.uk/student-life/financial-information

## How to apply and requirements: Chiropractic programme\*

#### **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

#### A-Level Qualifications

For year 1 entry, our normal A-level offer to UK students is three A-Level passes at grades ABB to a total of no less than 320 UCAS points. These should include: Biology or Human Biology; at least one subject preferably from the following list: Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Physical Education, Psychology, Statistics; and one other A-level.

For year 0 entry, our normal A-level offer to UK students is three A-Level passes at grades BCC to a total of not less than 260 UCAS points and can include any subject combination.

Please note that for both year 1 and year 0 entry, General Studies is not considered.

#### BTEC Extended Diploma

For year 1 entry, we require grades DDM in a relevant discipline in the Extended Diploma. For year 0 entry, we require grades D\*D in a relevant discipline in the Diploma. Applicants completing the Extended Diploma will need to achieve at least grades MMM to be considered.

#### International Baccalaureate Diploma

For year 1 entry, the AECC normally requires 34 IB grade points overall, with not less than grade 5 in each academic subject group. The AECC normally requires two sciences to be offered within the Experimental Sciences academic subject group at Higher Level to grade 5, or Standard Level to grade 7.

For year 0 entry, we require a minimum of 26 IB grade points overall, with not less than grade 5 in each academic subject group.

#### Access to HE Diplomas

Access to HE Diplomas in a relevant subject area will be accepted for entry to Year 1 provided they include a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3, of which 30 credits must be at Distinction and 15 credits at Merit or higher.

Access to HE Diplomas in a relevant subject area with fewer than 30 credits at distinction level out of 45 credits overall will be considered for entry to Year 0.

For details on qualifications not listed here, please contact us.

#### **NON-ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

#### Interviews – UK and EIRE

If you are considered eligible for entry to the programme, you will be invited to attend the College for an interview.

#### Interviews - Non-UK

All non-UK applicants (excluding those from Norway and Denmark) are normally required to secure a letter of recommendation (LOR) from their national chiropractic association (where such an association exists) before the offer of a place can be made. You may also be asked to attend an interview, which the College may wish to conduct via Skype. In addition, and particularly in countries where no recognised chiropractic association exists, non-UK applicants may also be asked to attend an interview with a practising chiropractor, another suitably qualified health practitioner or a member of staff from the British Council in the relevant country.

#### English Language

All UK applicants must normally hold GCSE English Language or equivalent at grade C or higher.

All applicants whose first language is not English must be able to provide recent evidence that their spoken and written command of the English Language is of a sufficient standard to cope with the demands of the College's programme. This requirement is mandatory (that is to say non-negotiable) for all applicants whose first language is not English. The AECC reserves the right to ask for further English Language requirements that will depend on your country of origin.

The required evidence should normally take the form of a recently obtained acceptable English language qualification or test result. The qualification or test result must have been awarded no more than two years prior to the proposed date of enrolment.

The AECC's preferred test of English as a Foreign Language (EFL) qualification for non-native English speakers is the British Council/Cambridge International English Language Testing System (IELTS) which should be offered at Band 6.0 overall in the academic stream with a score of not less than 5.5 in any sub-test.

Other EFL qualifications may be considered on application. Please contact the Admissions Team on admissions@aecc.ac.uk for further details.

On application, students will be asked to complete a police check relevant to their country of residence and submit a reference from a practicing chiropractor.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

How and When to Apply

Please apply on-line through the UK's Universities and Colleges Applications Service (UCAS). Our Institution Code is A65 and the

MChiro Programme Code is B320. The UCAS 'on-time' deadline is January 15th and therefore any applications received after this date will be 'late' and may not be considered.

#### Equal Opportunities

At the AECC our principle concern when considering applications is to select and recruit those students who are most likely to successfully complete our programme of studies and derive benefit from it. Once these requirements are met we disregard other issues such as disability (within the prescribed limits of capacity for the programme), ethnic origin, age, gender, marital status, number of dependent children, nationality (within current legislation), sexual orientation and beliefs relating to religion and politics.

#### Additional Information

Please note that students on the MChiro programme will need to purchase their own diagnostic instruments, subject manuals, clinic attire and key text books throughout their studies. Price guide for diagnostic instruments kit is currently £500.

## Terms and conditions

The programmes offered at the AECC are kept under constant review. As a result, from time to time, changes are made in syllabuses and programme structure. All changes which are proposed and subsequently approved go through a rigorous procedure during which the student body has the opportunity to participate through membership of various college committees. All changes, however minor, are approved by the Academic Board, and major changes are additionally approved by our validating university and where necessary, by the relevant Professional Statutory and Regulatory Body.

All students will be required, as a condition of their continuing enrolment, to abide by and to submit to the college's regulations governing student conduct and where applicable, the regulations of our validating university. Copies of the college regulations are issued to students as part of their induction pack prior to enrolment and are also available from the Registry department.

The college will do its utmost to deliver programmes in close accordance with the descriptions set out in this section of this booklet. However, the college has to manage itself in a way which is cost-effective and efficient in an increasingly competitive environment. The college therefore:

- Reserves the right to make variations to the content or methods of delivery and/or assessment of programmes, to discontinue programmes and to merge or combine courses, if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary by the college in the context of the delivery of its mission. If the college discontinues it will use all reasonable means to provide a suitable alternative.
- Cannot accept responsibility and expressly excludes liability, for damage to students' property, transfer of computer viruses to students' equipment, liability for alleged breaches of contract, including cancellation of courses, lectures, laboratory sessions, workshops, placements and similar activities.





### Undergraduate open days

We are happy to welcome any prospective students and strongly advise potential applicants to visit the AECC on one of our Open Days. Come along and get a real taste of what it is like to be a student at the AECC. You will have the opportunity to have a tour of the campus, talk to our staff and students and receive advice on completing your application.

#### **OPEN DAY DATES**

- Saturday 7th March 2015
- Saturday 20th June 2015
- Saturday 3rd October 2015
- Saturday 7th November 2015
- Saturday 5th December 2015

To register for any of our upcoming open days, please visit our website or contact us on +44 (0)1202 436340 or email openday@aecc.ac.uk

Please feel free to get in touch to arrange a private tour if you are unable to attend one of our open days. We would be happy to welcome you at any time.

#### **HOW TO FIND US**

Anglo-European College of Chiropractic 13-15 Parkwood Road Bournemouth BH5 2DF, England

Please note, open days are for our chiropractic programmes only. If you wish to visit the college to find out more regarding our postgraduate programme please contact admissions@aecc.ac.uk



