



Important information and additional costs to consider when choosing your course MSc Chiropractic (pre-registration)

- During practical classes students will be expected to practice physical examination and therapy skills using other students in their year group as subjects, and to act as a subject for other students. These are mixed gender groups. You will be required to have physical contact with other students in your cohort. During your practical skills classes you will be required to wear appropriate practical attire. You will need to dress down into shorts and sports/tank top (short lycra shorts may be worn). Students may purchase a treatment gown to wear, if they are uncomfortable wearing only their shorts and sports/tank top.
- Students should discuss any concerns about this with us before making an application for the course or accepting an offer of a place. If the concerns relate to issues covered by the Equality Act 2010 (such as religion, disability, gender reassignment) we will be pleased to discuss with the student how reasonable adjustments can be made to enable them to study on the course; however the Health Sciences University can only make adjustments where this will not interfere with the student's ability to demonstrate that they have met the learning outcomes for the course, and meet the requirements of relevant Professional Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs). Please contact admissions@aecc.ac.uk
- Annually, students are required to complete a questionnaire about their health; if any issues are identified students may not be able to act as subjects in practical classes, as above.
- Students are required to declare any changes in their criminal record as soon as they occur, i.e. if they have been cautioned, reprimanded, warned, charged or convicted in relation to **any** criminal activity.
- The course does not run to standard term/semester dates. The first year runs across two semesters from January to December, with an additional summer internal and external clinical experience block. The second year runs across a calendar year from January to January. In year two there are normally 6 weeks of holiday staggered throughout the year, further details will be provided in year 1 of the course.
- Please see the [Academic year dates](#) on this website for more details.
 - During the clinical placement period students are expected to be available to attend scheduled classes during term time. Students are also expected to be available to treat patients during clinic opening hours which may include Saturdays, throughout the placement period with the exception of the scheduled holidays. Students will have specified shift times when they must be available to see patients, other time should be used for the completion of academic work or clinical administration. We understand that some students may have personal



or work commitments and we aim to be as flexible as possible. Any absence required for an extended period can be discussed with the Course Leader.

- We expect students on this professionally-based course to maintain professional standards of behaviour at all times, and to act in accordance with the General Chiropractic Council (GCC)'s [Professionalism in Action: A Guide for Chiropractic Students on Being Fit to Practice \(September 2018\) available from the GCC website](#). Students on placement are expected to work in accordance with [The Code](#), published by the GCC, the Health Sciences University Placement Manual and Clinical Procedures documents.
- Students will be expected to dress smartly and adhere to the clinic dress code when observing or working with patients in the onsite clinic. The dress code for offsite placements must be observed and in all placement settings students will be expected to maintain high standards of personal hygiene.
- For the MSc Chiropractic (Pre-Registration) course the pass mark is 50%.
- Students are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements while enrolled at the Health Sciences University. The Student Services team can offer advice and assistance in finding private rented accommodation in the area.
- There are a number of items which students will be required or are recommended to purchase in order to get the maximum benefit from the course; see below under 'additional costs'.

Additional Costs

Additional costs are mandatory or optional costs which students will need to meet in order to fully participate in and complete their course. Students will need to budget for these costs separately as they are not included in the overall Tuition Fee they are charged.

Essential

- Purchase of HSU branded polo shirts for use in clinic and on any placements or community visits (approximate cost £10 for 2025 entry). Students are provided two polo shirts by the University. They will need to pay should they require more.
- UK-domiciled applicants are required to undergo an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Further information will be sent in September to those who accept our offer. Applicants must meet the costs of this check (£57.30 in 2024).
- You are advised to also sign up for DBS Update Service. This is to allow students to take advantage of any placement opportunity, as some placements require this level of DBS and may help avoid any additional cost



in the future. • The Update Service is an additional £16.00 (and a £5.00 admin charge). If you are required to sign up after you have already received your DBS, then the Update Service fee will be £54.00. This is why we advise you to sign up when you are first submitting your DBS check to avoid paying these increased fees.

- Non-UK domiciled applicants are required to provide a satisfactory National Police check. Applicants must meet the costs of this check, which will vary from country to country.
- Should a student fail any assessments and be offered an opportunity to repeat a unit or units there will be a fee payable as set out below (fees quoted at 2025-26 prices):
- Home students: £2,461 per unit (20 credits) •
- EU/Overseas students: £4,390 per unit (20 credits)

Recommended

- The student is recommended to provide their own stethoscope (approximate cost £90 - £150).
- It is recommended that students purchase a tablet or computer/laptop for their personal use, as this will enhance their learning by giving them immediate access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).
- It is recommended students have a good quality Broadband internet connection when studying at home.

Optional

- A HSU branded fleece jacket at £14.75
- Teaching materials are made available in electronic format on the Virtual Learning Environment. If students wish to have a printed copy they may print these materials at their own cost.
- Core texts are available in the library but there are limited numbers and most students buy some but not necessarily all textbooks.
- There may be other costs for activities which will enhance students' time here but are not directly related to their course. For example, there is an annual fee (currently £75) to join our gym (gym membership is a requirement to join some ASU/Health Sciences University sports societies). Some ASU-organised social events and activities through ASU Societies will be at an additional cost.
- You will be provided with transcripts for each year of study along with a diploma supplement and degree certificate upon completion of your course of study. If you require a replacement of any of these documents, there will be a fee payable as set out below:
 - Transcript (per academic year): £10
 - Degree Certificate: £40
 - Diploma Supplement: £10

- IRMER Certificate: £25

- On successful completion of the course students have the option to attend the graduation ceremony. Students choosing to attend must meet the cost of hiring academic dress for the ceremony; wearing of academic dress at the ceremony is compulsory. The academic dress is provided by an external company. In 2024 the hire cost was £39. There are no other charges to the graduate for the graduation ceremony. However, additional tickets for family members and friends are chargeable per head, you will be advised of the price before you graduate.

Additional Costs incurred during Placement

Students on community placements that require travel between site locations, who are explicitly using their car to go from one location to another for care delivery (e.g. home visits, school visits) must have Business Car Insurance coverage. We have been advised to make it clear to students that they must have Business cover added to their cover for this type of travel. We are reminding you now as for those who are due to renew their cover between now and your placement, this can usually be done with no fee or an increase in premium. So even though you do not know if you will have a community placement yet, we would advise adding this if you are due to renew. If you are not due for renewal and find you are going on a community placement, it can easily be added, however, an admin fee is typically applied, which can vary between insurers.

Occupational Health Screening

Is currently under review for all chiropractic courses.

However, we take the safety of our community seriously and advise all students to attend university fully vaccinated (or have demonstrated immunity against the following diseases:

- Meningitis
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Chickenpox
- Tuberculosis

Health Sciences University has unique multidisciplinary clinics which attract a variety of clinicians and patients and we actively seek new opportunities for students off campus within the NHS and private sector to enrich their clinical learning. Whilst this presents great opportunity to students, there is a risk of contracting an infection whilst on placement and vaccination helps to reduce this risk, for both yourself and the public.

If you do not have any of the vaccinations listed above it is recommended you contact your General Practitioner or family doctor to arrange for these as soon as possible.



At Health Sciences University, offers are subject to satisfactory screening in terms of your health and welfare before the start of your course.

This is to ensure that you are physically and mentally suited to a career in health. If you have any concerns about your medical suitability, you are advised to discuss this with your General Practitioner (GP) or local healthcare provider.

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