

This information applies to the following course:

- **Access to Higher Education Diploma (Osteopathic Sciences and Healthcare)**

Important information about your course

Relevant experience and professional conduct

The Access to HE Diploma is intended as a pathway into further study and a future career in osteopathy or a future healthcare related discipline.

Students are advised to research healthcare careers and the entry requirements of relevant undergraduate degrees to ensure the Access to HE Diploma is an appropriate entry route.

Students should also research the professional standards and regulatory requirements of their chosen profession, and ensure they are able to meet these. Students will be expected to model these behaviours and standards throughout their studies, starting on the Access to HE Diploma.

Applicants with criminal convictions

Applicants should declare any unfiltered/unspent convictions as part of the application process.

Having a criminal record does not automatically stop you from studying at the university. However, the university has a duty to protect the HSU student, staff and patient community, and is legally required to check that students who will take part in regulated activities — such as placements involving children or vulnerable adults — are suitable to do so. All undergraduate degree courses at HSU include regulated activity – if you choose to progress on to one of our undergraduate degrees after completion of the Access to HE Diploma you will be required to complete a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check before you are permitted to enrol.

Any unfiltered criminal convictions that you declare, or that are found through these checks, will be reviewed under the university's Criminal Convictions Procedure. You will be told the outcome. The university may withdraw an offer if a conviction is not considered suitable for the course, or if you do not take part in the checking process.

If you are subject to any cautions, reprimands, warnings, charges or conviction during your time as a student you must declare these to the university immediately.

Health and Vaccination Screenings

This course does not require a Health and Vaccination Screening. However, if you progress on to an undergraduate degree at HSU, you will be required to complete a satisfactory Health and Vaccination Screening before you enrol. This is to protect the health and safety of the HSU community, including the patients we work with, and to ensure the university can adequately support you in your studies.

You are advised to ensure you are immunised against Hepatitis B and that your immunisations against Polio, TB, Tetanus, MMR, Diphtheria, Varicella and seasonal flu vaccine are up to date.

Guidance for Applicants with a Disability or Health Condition

We are keen to support students who wish to share a disability or health condition and encourage you to discuss this with us at the earliest opportunity so we can support you throughout your enrolment and student journey. At this time, our buildings have certain areas that may pose challenges for students with mobility needs. If you have any specific accessibility requirements or would like information or guidance, please contact us at studentservices@aecc.ac.uk. Please see our [Student Services pages](#) for more information.

Applicants to our osteopathy courses are also advised to read the GOsC's [Guidance for Applicants and Students with a Disability or Health Condition](#).

Other declarations

You should also share with us- ideally within your application – if any of the following apply:

- Involvement in disciplinary proceedings during paid or voluntary employment or within education establishments.
- Involvement with safeguarding proceedings, social services, or related organisations.
- Enrolment on a health or social work professional course at another University.

Course delivery

This course is delivered on Friday evenings and on Saturdays to ensure students can study alongside work and/or other commitments.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of classes, Student attendance is monitored to identify indicators of non-engagement which may result in poor academic performance. Should there be a concern, students may be contacted by their course leader to arrange additional support.

Fee waiver and progression opportunities

The total tuition fee for the course will be £1,500, which will become payable from October 2027. At this point you can choose to pay in full or in three equal instalments of £500.

If you successfully progress and enrol onto an undergraduate degree at Health Sciences University prior to October 2027 the tuition fee for the Access to HE Diploma course will be waived and no repayment will be required.

Please note that completion of the Access to HE Diploma does not guarantee acceptance onto a HSU undergraduate degree, unless you already have an offer for an undergraduate course conditional on completion of the Diploma. Any offer of an undergraduate place will be dependent on meeting entry criteria and on course availability and demand. HSU does however guarantee to consider applications from Access to HE Diploma students to its undergraduate courses.

If you do not complete the Access to HE Diploma or you do not progress on to a HSU undergraduate degree starting in September 2027 you may remain liable for the fees for this course.

Accommodation

We are currently unable to provide Halls of Residence for London-based students. However, London's diverse range of accommodation options provides ample choices for different requirements and budgets. If you are considering commuting to university, our excellent transport links make this possible. Many of our students choose to commute in from outer London and further afield and we aim to ensure you will not be disadvantaged if you choose to do so.

Additional costs

Students should be aware that there may be other course costs in addition to course fees. Potential costs you may need to consider are provided in the table below, but please note that this is not an exhaustive list.

All fees are correct at the time of writing and may be subject to change.

Item	Cost
<p>Accommodation & Living Costs</p> <p>Students are responsible for making their own accommodation and living arrangements while studying at the University.</p> <p>HSU's Student Services team can provide information and guidance on finding suitable accommodation as a HSU student.</p>	<p>Costs vary depending on personal preferences, accommodation supplier, and location.</p>
<p>Student Card</p> <p>You will be given an HSU Student Card at no charge at the point of registration. Replacement cards will be issued at cost to the student.</p>	<p>£10.00 (non-refundable) per replacement card.</p>

<p>Travel costs</p> <p>Students are expected to arrange and fund their own travel to and from university.</p>	<p>Costs dependent on individual travel arrangements.</p>
<p>Teaching materials</p> <p>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 (see below).</p> <p>Core texts are available in the library but there are limited numbers, and most students buy some, but not necessarily all, textbooks. Applicants are advised not to purchase these in advance.</p>	<p>Costs vary depending on personal preferences.</p>
<p>Photocopying/printing</p> <p>Students must cover photocopying/printing costs except for necessary copying of patient records required in clinic.</p>	
<p>IT Equipment</p> <p>Students are advised to purchase their own laptop or tablet to support their studies.</p>	<p>Costs vary depending on personal preferences.</p>
<p>Social activities</p> <p>HSUSU organises social activities for HSU students. This includes a programme of activities during Welcome Week for new students to support the transition to university life, and other social events and</p>	<p>Costs vary depending on personal interests.</p>

activities throughout the year. Students are advised to allow a budget for social activity when budget planning.	
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