

This information applies to the following Osteopathy courses:

- **Master of Osteopathy - full-time**
- **Master of Osteopathy – part-time**

Important information about your course

Relevant experience and professional conduct

Experience working with the public in different settings is strongly recommended for applicants to the osteopathic course. This experience does not have to be in healthcare or osteopathy, but it should show that you can work well with people from different backgrounds.

Osteopaths work in primary care and must demonstrate strong values, including respect, compassion, teamwork, and a commitment to high-quality patient care. In your personal statement, you should explain what you have learned from your experiences and how they have helped you understand the osteopathic profession and your reasons for wanting to study it.

Further information about osteopathic professional standards can be found on the General Osteopathic Council's *Becoming an Osteopath* webpage:
<https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/training-and-registering/becoming-an-osteopath/>

Applicants with criminal convictions

To join this course, you must complete an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check before you enrol. If you have lived outside the UK for six months or more in the last five years, you will also need to provide a police check from the relevant country or countries.

Having a criminal record does not automatically stop you from studying at the university. However, the university 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, and also has a duty to protect the wider HSU student, staff and patient community.

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.

You should tell the university as soon as possible about any unfiltered convictions, cautions, reprimands, or warnings to avoid delays. More information about unfiltered offences is available on the DBS website.

You will need to pay for the Enhanced DBS check yourself. This cost is non-refundable. Further details and instructions will be sent to you before enrolment.

Signing up to the DBS Update Service after your first check is recommended, as it keeps your status up to date and means your status can be checked by employers, placements etc without the need to request a new, full check each time.

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.

Pre-enrolment Health and Vaccination Screening

You will be required to complete a Pre-enrolment Health and Vaccination Screening prior to enrolling for this course. This is to protect the health and safety of the HSU community, including the patients you will be working with, and to ensure the university can adequately support you in your studies.

The screening involves an initial triage assessment with our approved independent Occupational Health provider. You will need to pay for the cost of your screening. Any follow-up appointments required for the purposes of placement will be covered by the university, but missed appointments, second opinions or recommended/mandatory vaccinations will need to be covered by yourself.

If the screening highlights any health concerns which may impact your ability to participate in your course or chosen career we will contact you to discuss this. In limited circumstances it may be necessary to withdraw your offer.

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.

Practical teaching

In practical classes, students practise examination and treatment skills on each other in mixed-gender groups. This involves physical contact with other students. You will need to wear suitable practical clothing, such as shorts and a t-shirt.

If you have any concerns about this, you should contact the university before applying or accepting an offer. If your concerns relate to religion, disability, or another protected characteristic, the university will discuss reasonable adjustments where possible. Any adjustments must still allow you to meet the course requirements and professional standards.

For more information, please contact admissions@hsu.ac.uk.

Course delivery and clinical placements

The M.Ost full-time course is delivered over 4 years with timetabled teaching scheduled within the working week.

The M.Ost part-time course is delivered on a part time basis over 5 years, with 20 weekends of timetabled teaching per year.

Timetabled teaching is typically delivered between 9am – 6pm.

Term dates for the next academic year are published on the HSU website.

Your clinical exposure will commence in year 1 and build as you progress through the course, leading to the final year where you will have the role of lead student practitioner. Students are required to complete 1,000 hours of clinical practice as part of the course to meet the GOSc's registration requirements.

Students are expected to behave professionally at all times and follow the [General Osteopathic Council's Osteopathic Professional Standards](#) as well as the HSU's Fitness to Practice and clinical procedures. Appropriate dress and good personal hygiene are required when attending classes and clinic.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of clinical skills classes, seminars, and science laboratory sessions and 100% of their clinic placement shifts. Student attendance is monitored to identify indicators on non-engagement which may result in poor academic or clinical performance. Should there be a concern, students may be contacted by a member of course team to offer additional support.

Units and progression

All units are core units and must be passed before students can progress to the following year. There is no opportunity to trail failed units.

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 strive to plan teaching and social activities so that they are inclusive of students who may not live close to campus.

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
Accommodation & Living Costs Students are responsible for making their own accommodation and living arrangements while studying at the University. HSU's Student Services team can provide information and guidance on finding suitable accommodation as a HSU student.	Costs vary depending on personal preferences, accommodation supplier, and location.
Enhanced DBS Check and Police Checks You are responsible for covering the cost of your Enhanced DBS Check and any Police Checks required. These costs are non-refundable. You may also be required to complete	Enhanced DBS Check: approx. £58 Police checks: Subject to local charges. DBS update services: currently £16 per annum, plus a £5 admin fee.

additional DBS checks for Community Clinic placements. You are advised to subscribe for the DBS update service so that your DBS status automatically updates and can be checked by the university, employers, placements etc without the need to request a new, full check each time.	
Health Screenings and Vaccinations You will need to pay for the cost of your pre-enrolment health screening. Any follow up appointments required for the purposes of placement will be covered by the university, but this does not include vaccinations, missed appointments or any second opinions you wish to request. All osteopathic students are strongly advised to be immunised against Covid-19, occupational Hepatitis B and to ensure that your immunisations against Polio, TB, Tetanus, MMR, Diphtheria, and Varicella, and the seasonal flu are up to date.	Initial pre-enrolment health and vaccination screening provided by Innovate at a cost of £28.50. Additional costs may apply for vaccinations, second opinions or missed appointments without a valid reason.
Clinical equipment Standard equipment required typically includes a stethoscope, Sphygmomanometer, patella hammer, tuning forks 128Hz & 512Hz, pen torch, neurotips or medipins (neurological testing pins). This equipment is required for clinical examination skills beginning in Year 1.	Approximately £150 - £300 dependent on your choice of supplier.

Clinic Scrubs Clinic Scrubs are required for practical and clinical sessions starting from Year 1. You are advised to purchase three sets of Clinic Scrubs.	£13.40 + VAT without the embroidered HSU logo or £17.15 + VAT with the embroidered logo, when purchased through our chosen supplier (grahamegardner.co.uk). £13.40 + VAT without the embroidered HSU logo or £17.15 + VAT with the embroidered logo, when purchased through our chosen supplier (grahamegardner.co.uk). Cost may vary for other suppliers.
Student Card 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.	£10.00 (non-refundable) per replacement card.
Travel costs Students are expected to arrange and fund their own travel to and from university. Most of our clinics are within walking or cycling distance from the HSU campus but there may be minimal additional travel costs incurred when attending external community clinics.	Costs dependent on individual travel arrangements.
Overseas trips/exchanges Optional overseas trips/exchanges may be available to Australia and other destinations.	Costs vary depending on suppliers.

Students are responsible for covering all associated costs, including travel, accommodation and visas.	
Teaching materials 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). 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.	Costs vary depending on personal preferences.
Photocopying/printing Students must cover photocopying/printing costs except for necessary copying of patient records required in clinic.	
IT Equipment Students are advised to purchase their own laptop or tablet to support their studies.	Costs vary depending on personal preferences.
Social activities HSUSU organises social activities for HSU students. This includes a programme of activities during Welcome Week for new students to support the transition to	Costs vary depending on personal interests. UK students from low-income backgrounds may be eligible for the

university life, and other social events and activities throughout the year. Students are advised to allow a budget for social activity when budget planning.	university's Welcome Week Social Events Bursary to assist with the social costs of Welcome Week. For more information visit our Scholarships & Bursaries page.
Graduation Students who successfully complete their course are invited to attend a graduation ceremony. This is optional. Graduates can attend the ceremony free of charge but must hire a gown from our approved supplier. Guest tickets for friends and family may be subject to a fee. Graduates will be notified of the cost and the number available to purchase ahead of the event. Any travel or accommodation costs associated with attending the ceremony must be covered by the graduate/guest.	Gown hire: approx. £39. Graduate tickets: Free Guest tickets: approx. £20 – 25. Travel/accommodation: Costs vary depending on personal preferences.