

## This information applies to the following Chiropractic courses:

- **Master of Chiropractic (Pre-registration)**

## Important information about your course

### Relevant experience and professional conduct

We expect students on this 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 of Professional Practice](#), published by the GCC, the Health Sciences University Placement Manual and Clinical Procedures documents.

Further information about chiropractic professional standards can be found on the General Chiropractic Council's *Becoming a Chiropractor* webpage: <https://www.gcc-uk.org/education-and-registration>

### Enhanced DBS check and police checks

Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance is a course requirement. DBS checks are required due to the nature of working with vulnerable groups, including children and adults, and are a requirement of the regulatory bodies governing courses. 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. You are responsible for covering the cost of your enhanced DBS Check and any Police Checks required. These costs are non-refundable.

Students must subscribe to the DBS update service for the duration of the course so that DBS clearance can be confirmed as required.

#### Costs:

- Enhanced DBS Check: approx. £58.
- Police checks: Subject to local charges.
- DBS update service: currently £16 per annum, plus a £5 admin fee.

### **Applicants with criminal convictions**

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](#).

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

### **Pre-enrolment health screening**

You will be required to complete a Pre-enrolment Health 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 pre-enrolment health screening (currently £28.50).

Any follow-up appointments required for the purposes of placement will be covered by the university. Missed appointments, second opinions requested by applicant or student will need to be covered by yourself. Students requiring additional vaccination for NHS placements will need to cover those additional costs.

All students are strongly advised to be immunised against Covid-19, Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, MMR, Varicella, TB and the seasonal flu are up to date.

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@hsu.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@hsu.ac.uk). Please see our [Student Services pages](#) for more information.

### **Other declarations**

You must also share with us 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 sports or tank top. If you prefer, you can also wear a treatment gown.

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](mailto:admissions@hsu.ac.uk)

## **Clinical uniform**

Students will be provided with a limited number of HSU branded top items, for the purposes of placement, free-of-charge. Additional items or replacements must be purchased from the University's official supplier at the student's own cost. Students are expected to provide their own flat black shoes with a non-slip rubber sole and their own dark shaded trousers for the purposes of placement. Students wishing to wear a head covering such as a hijab should provide a plain black version at their own cost.

## **Course delivery and clinical placements**

This course does not run to standard term/semester dates. The first year runs across two semesters from January to May, and September 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 clinical placement, students will be expected to:

- Attend allocated placement sessions and complete all required clinical hours or weeks of attendance.
- Work scheduled clinical shifts, which may include Saturdays, throughout the placement period (with the exception of scheduled holidays).
- Use time outside scheduled clinical shifts for the completion of academic work or clinical administration.
- Discuss any known commitments that could affect placement availability with the course team as early as possible.
- Seek approval from the appropriate course or clinical lead for any period of absence beyond normal sickness reporting processes.

Students on placement are expected to behave professionally at all times and follow [General Chiropractic Council \(GCC\) guidance](#), as well as university placement and clinical procedures. Appropriate dress and good personal hygiene are required when attending classes and while on placement.

## **Attendance**

Chiropractic is an intensive course of study which requires commitment. 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 their Personal Support Tutor (PST) under the School of Chiropractic's Student Support Framework to ask if they require any additional support.

International students studying under a Student visa are reminded that attendance and engagement requirements form part of the conditions of their immigration permission as well as the academic requirements of the course. The University is required to monitor attendance and participation and may need to report concerns regarding non-attendance, poor engagement, or prolonged absence to the relevant authorities. Students are therefore expected to attend all scheduled teaching, supervisory, and assessment-related activities and to inform the University promptly of any circumstances affecting their attendance.

## **Units and progression**

The pass mark for this course is 50% and additionally all pass/fail assessments must be passed, and clinical placement requirements must be met.

## Additional costs summary

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><b>Accommodation &amp; Living Costs</b></p> <p>Students are responsible for making their own accommodation and living arrangements while studying at the University.</p> <p>Limited student accommodation is available to Bournemouth students on a first-come-first-served basis. Find out more at <a href="#">Accommodation   Health Sciences University</a></p> <p>HSU's Student Services team can provide information and guidance on finding suitable accommodation as an HSU student.</p>	<p>Costs vary depending on personal preferences, accommodation supplier and location.</p>
<p><b>Enhanced DBS Check and Police Checks</b></p> <p>You are responsible for covering the cost of your Enhanced DBS Check and any Police Checks required. These costs are non-refundable.</p> <p>Students must subscribe to the DBS update service for the duration of the course so that DBS clearance can be confirmed as required.</p>	<p>Enhanced DBS Check: approx. £58</p> <p>Police checks: Subject to local charges.</p> <p>DBS update service: currently £16 per annum, plus a £5 admin fee.</p>

<p><b>Pre-enrolment health screenings</b></p> <p>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. Missed appointments or second opinions will be at your own cost.</p> <p>All chiropractic students are strongly advised to be immunised against Covid-19, Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, MMR, Varicella, TB and the seasonal flu are up to date.</p>	<p>Initial pre-enrolment health screening provided by Innovate at a cost of £28.50.</p> <p>Additional costs may apply for second opinions or missed appointments without a valid reason.</p>
<p><b>Clinical equipment</b></p> <p>Purchase of a stethoscope costing upwards of £25.</p>	<p>Costs depend on brand, but students should expect to pay between £25 - £150 for a stethoscope.</p>
<p><b>Uniform</b></p> <p>Students will be provided with a limited number of HSU branded top items, for the purposes of placement, free-of-charge. Additional or replacement items must be purchased from the University's selected provider at the student's own cost.</p> <p>Students must provide their own:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trousers</li> <li>• Flat black shoes with a non-slip rubber sole.</li> <li>• Loose clothing for practical sessions</li> <li>• Plain black head covering (if required)</li> </ul>	<p>Costs subject to brand and supplier.</p>

<p><b>Student Card</b></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><b>Travel costs</b></p> <p>Students are expected to arrange and fund their own travel to and from university.</p>	<p>Costs vary depending on individual travel arrangements.</p>
<p><b>Placement costs</b></p> <p>Students may need to pay for additional travel and, if necessary, accommodation costs while attending placements. The amount of money involved will depend on the location, type, and length of placement.</p> <p>Students who use their own car to travel between site locations on community placements (e.g. to attend different clinics or make home visits) must have Business Car Insurance coverage in place.</p>	<p>Costs vary depending on individual placement and travel arrangements.</p> <p>Costs vary dependent on insurance provider.</p>
<p><b>Teaching materials</b></p> <p>Teaching materials are 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><b>Photocopying/printing</b></p> <p>Students must cover photocopying/printing costs except for necessary copying of patient records required in clinic.</p>	
<p><b>IT Equipment</b></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><b>Gym membership</b></p> <p>Students may pay an annual fee to join our on-site gym (Bournemouth campus only). This is an optional cost but please note gym membership is a requirement for some HSUSU/Health Sciences University sports societies.</p>	<p>Current annual fee: £75</p>
<p><b>Social activities</b></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 activities throughout the year. Students are advised to allow a budget for social activity when budget planning.</p>	<p>Costs vary depending on personal interests and participation.</p>
<p><b>Lockers</b></p> <p>A limited number of lockers are available to rent from the University's Students' Union (HSUSU) for the storage of personal belongings.</p>	<p>Current cost £10 (non-refundable)</p>

**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.