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NEW ‘AUSTRALIAN CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE’ LAUNCHING IN ADELAIDE

A determination to educate better ‘job ready’ chiropractors is the inspiration behind the establishment of South Australia’s first tertiary education provider to offer a Bachelor of Chiropractic degree.

The Australian Chiropractic College (ACC) is set to open its doors in Adelaide’s CBD in January 2020 and says its curriculum will integrate science, philosophy, hands on experience and business studies to deliver a smoother transition from classroom to clinic.

According to ACC President, Dr Patrick Sim, the College has been established with the support of a passionate group of practitioners who believe there is a better way to help deliver optimal health for people through chiropractic, and better ‘practice ready’ graduates.

He says one of the defining differences between the course offered by the College and other providers, is that the Adelaide-based course is the only chiropractic degree program in Australia with business and management courses integrated throughout the entirety of the curriculum.

“One of the great disappointments for many chiropractic practitioners is seeing the large number of students who graduate with degrees in chiropractic, but then don’t stay in practice for any significant amount of time,” he says.

“We believe that a course designed to provide a more holistic, ‘job ready’ focus on chiropractic education, along with a business focus right from the outset, will help students be better prepared and appropriately skilled for long term careers and businesses.”

“And as the first provider of a Bachelor of Chiropractic in South Australia, we’re delighted that local students wanting to become chiropractors now won’t have to travel interstate or overseas for their education,” says Dr Sim.

The College will have an initial intake limited to a maximum of 30 students and building up to intakes of up to 65 students in subsequent years. It will deliver a curriculum modelled on that of the internationally prestigious New Zealand College of Chiropractic (NZCC) with whom the College founders have a very close relationship.

“The New Zealand College of Chiropractic was established in 1994 by the New Zealand Chiropractors’ Association and has since become a leader in chiropractic education with an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research,” says Dr Sim.

“It is a model and a reputation we are very keen to emulate.”

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The College which will be located at 83 Currie Street in Adelaide’s CBD, does face some challenges as a newly established entity.

It was accredited by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) in January this year and has approval to start teaching in 2020.

As a new tertiary provider, the College has also entered the staged accreditation process with the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) to coincide with its first cohort of graduating students being licensed to practice.

“As a new provider, we obviously have to start at the beginning of the accreditation process, and we have made that very clear to everyone who has already made inquiries with us about the course.”

“We have already completed the first two stages of the process, and over the next four years, we will continue to work with the CCEA through the next stages of the standard accreditation process,” says Dr Sim.

“I have full confidence in our ability and determination to meet the necessary milestones as they fall due.”

A four-year course, the fee for a full time first-year student will be \$26,000 and \$30,000 for international students and the College is currently in the process of applying for FEE HELP to assist students cover this investment.

“We are very excited about the College’s future and have been really heartened by the support from practising chiropractors and the level of enquiry we’ve already had from prospective students, who are clearly looking for an alternative to the current course offerings,” says Dr Sim.

“We look forward to helping to foster a new generation of world class chiropractors and doing it right here in Adelaide.”

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