

Prospective student

FAQs



Australian  
**Chiropractic  
College**

## Welcome to the Australian Chiropractic College



Choosing a career is exciting. Choosing a career in Chiropractic is a step towards a satisfying and life-changing future.

As a chiropractor, you will have an opportunity to positively affect the health and wellbeing of people of all ages, their families, and the community at large.

Research is increasingly confirming the links between the brain and nervous system and their role in health and disease. As people are looking for a more pro-active way of managing their health, chiropractic is becoming a rapidly growing healthcare and lifestyle choice.

At ACC we are proud to be the first and only provider in South Australia of a Bachelor of Chiropractic degree accredited by the Tertiary Education and Quality Standards Agency of Australia (TEQSA).

Our links with international organisations such the Rubicon Group and the New Zealand College of Chiropractic provide exciting educational exchange and research opportunities for our students and ensure that ACC is at the forefront of chiropractic education and practice.

We offer a boutique educational experience, rich in both scientific theory and practical application, with access to some of the best educators and practitioners in the profession and an exciting, integrated curriculum.

Our curriculum is also unique in offering entrepreneurial business education so that you will be ready to launch your own business and establish yourself as qualified chiropractor.

I encourage you to join this exciting profession and to take your first step to your future with the Australian Chiropractic College.

**Dr Patrick Sim, B. Sc, M.Chiro, Grad ACP**  
**President**  
**Australian Chiropractic College**

## What study background do I need to complete before applying to ACC?

### Year 12 subjects recommended but not mandatory are:

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Physical Education

### Prerequisite Year:

You must first complete one year of health science study.

This must be at AQF Level 5 (Diploma) or higher, must equal to a total of 120 credits and must include the following subjects:

### Prerequisite studies for entry into the Australian Chiropractic College include:

- Anatomy and Physiology      30 credits
- Biochemistry                    15 credits
- Microbiology                    15 credits
- Biophysics                        15 credits
- Electives                            45 credits

## Where can I study the pre-requisites?

### Pathway providers for ACC Pre-Requisites

#### 1. Australian Chiropractic College – CDU Diploma Health Sciences

To help you study your pre-requisites, ACC has negotiated an entry pathway to its Bachelor of Chiropractic in conjunction with Charles Darwin University (CDU). This course is offered both internally at CDU, Casuarina Campus, Darwin or fully online, allowing students flexibility in their studies. Students enrolled have full access to all CDU student services and resources as well as being supported by staff from the Australian Chiropractic College.

*Course description: Diploma of Health Science (Chiropractic stream)*

This Diploma of Health Science is offered by Charles Darwin University in conjunction with the Australian Chiropractic College and *presents both a standalone qualification and course pathway for students to transition into chiropractic studies*. The selection of units identified for the Diploma provide an excellent foundation for understanding how the Australian health care system works and knowledge of current health priority areas and trends. The units selected for the chiropractic stream provide a foundational knowledge of the sciences on which chiropractic practice is built.

Please contact [admin@acc.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@acc.sa.edu.au) for more information.

## 2. Straighterline.com

[Straighterline](#) is an accredited provider of many of the ACC pre-requisites and offers online, self-paced courses. You can enrol independently and complete all the required courses in your own time.

## 3. Other options

Most universities with a health science program may have the required content. We are currently in the process of registering with the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS), after which we will be able to provide more information regarding overseas study.

Please contact [admin@acc.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@acc.sa.edu.au) for more information to ensure all courses meet our prerequisite requirements.

### What next?

If you are ready to study with the Australian Chiropractic College, we encourage you to apply now at [admin@acc.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@acc.sa.edu.au)

#### **Bachelor of Chiropractic:**

After completing one year of specific health science courses at tertiary level, students study for four years at the Australian Chiropractic College and graduate with a Bachelor of Chiropractic degree.

#### **What is TEQSA Accreditation and CCEA Professional Accreditation and what do they mean?**

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) is Australia's independent national quality assurance and regulatory agency for higher education. ACC received registration and accreditation from TEQSA and was approved to deliver a Bachelor of Chiropractic degree program from 2020.

The Australian Chiropractic College is in the process of a staged professional accreditation with the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) as per CCEA practice and has completed the first two stages of the process. It should be noted that ACC does not currently hold professional accreditation status, nor is professional accreditation guaranteed. A decision on final accreditation will be granted on completed assessment of the program.

If registration is achieved, graduates will be eligible to apply for registration from the appropriate Chiropractic Board and graduation from the ACC will enable graduates to apply for registration from Chiropractic Boards worldwide, including in Australia.

The College does not guarantee registration to any Chiropractic Board. Students are responsible for understanding ALL the registration requirements for any Board that has jurisdiction in the location the student is planning to practice.

At no stage prior to graduation and registration are students eligible to act or represent themselves as a registered chiropractor.

## What is the program? What will I study if I enrol?

Our program delivery is unique in that it's completely focussed on integrating chiropractic technique, philosophy research and practice in order to enhance your learning experience.

YEAR ONE						
SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO			
Unit Code	Unit Name	Credits	Unit Code	Unit Name	Credits	
1ANAT1	Musculo-skeletal Anatomy 1 - Axial	12	1ANAT2	Musculo-skeletal Anatomy 2 - Appendicular	12	
1PHIL1	Philosophy of Chiropractic 1	6	1PHIL2	Philosophy of Chiropractic II	6	
1IMMU	Immunology	4	1PATHSYS1	Pathology Systemic 1	6	
1BIOMEC	Biomechanics	6	1PSYCH1	Psychology: Human Behaviour	6	
1TECHSAC1	Technique Skills Acquisition	14	CTCHIRO	Critical Thinking Chiropractic	6	
1PROFENV	Professional Practice 1: Chiro and the Health Environment	6	1TECHSAC2	Technique Skills Acquisition 2: CMT, DIV and UCS	18	
1EBCHIRO	Evidence Based Chiropractic	6	1NEURO1	Neuro Science 1	6	
1PATHGEN	Pathology – General	6				
YEAR TWO						
1ANAT3	Musculo-skeletal Anatomy 3 – Head and Neck	6	1PROFCCP	Professional Practice 3: Culturally Competent Practice	3	
1PHIL3	Philosophy of Chiropractic 3	6	1DIAG1	Diagnosis 1	6	
1RADPHYS	Radiography – Physics	6	1TECHSAC4	Technique Skills Acquisition 4	18	
1NEURO2	Neuro Science 2	9	1NEURO3	Neuro Science 3	9	
1TECHSAC3	Technique Skills Acquisition 3	6	1DI1	Diagnostic Imaging 1	6	
1PRECHIRO1	Pre-Chiropractic Practice 1	9	1PRECHIRO2	Pre-Chiropractic Practice 2	12	
1CHIROSCI	Chiropractic Science	6	1RADPOS	Radiography - Positioning	3	
1PATHSYS2	Pathology – Systemic 2	6	1NUTR	Nutrition	3	
1PROFCOM	Professional Practice 2: Professional Communication	6				
YEAR THREE						
2NEURO4	Neuro-Diagnosis 1	6	2PROFRISK	Professional Practice 4: Practice Safety and Risk Management	6	
2PRECHIRO3	Pre-Chiropractic Practice 3	9	2TECHSAC6	Technique Skills Acquisition 6	6	
2DIAG	Diagnosis 2	6	2DI3	Diagnostic Imaging 3	6	
2DI2	Diagnostic Imaging 2	6	2SPCHIRO1	Special Populations – Children	6	
2TECHSAC5	Technique Skills Acquisition 5	6	2CHIROMAN1	Chiropractic Management 1	12	
2PHYCH2	Psychology: Clinical Psychology	6	2CHIROPAC2	Chiropractic Practice 2	24	
2REHAB	Rehabilitation	9				
2CHIROPAC1	Chiropractic Practice 1	12				
YEAR 4						
2PROFBUS1	Professional Practice 5: Business Management 1	6	2PROFBUS2	Professional Practice 6: Business Management 2	6	
2SPCHIRO2	Special Populations – Elderly	6	2PHIL4	Business and Ethics	6	
2DI4	Diagnostic Imaging 4	6	2TECHSAC8	Technique Skills Acquisition 8	12	
2CHIROPAC3	Chiropractic Practice 3	24	2CHIROPAC4	Chiropractic Practice 4	36	
2CHIROMAN2	Chiropractic Management 2	12				
2TECHSAC7	Technique Skills Acquisition 7	6				

### **What do I need to do to be considered for enrolment?**

You must complete the specified prerequisite courses in order to gain entry into the College. You must submit your application form with the required documentation and complete a successful interview.

### **What grades do I need to achieve in my prerequisite year?**

You must pass all prerequisite courses with good academic standing. The College enrolment is a competitive process and is offered based on admission scores. Admission scores are calculated from an essay, academic results and interview.

Please visit <https://acc.sa.edu.au/admissions/fag/> or contact us at [admin@acc.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@acc.sa.edu.au) for more information.

### **What are the tuition fees?**

The current domestic fees for a full-time first year student are \$26,000 AUD per year plus other course related costs.

### **Can I study part time?**

Not at this stage, though we are considering part time delivery in the future. You can leave your name and contact details with us and we will inform you when part time study is available.

### **Can I get a student loan to cover my fees?**

FEE-HELP is an Australian government program that provides loans for domestic students studying at private higher education providers in Australia.

### **Contact us:**

Interested or have more questions?

Email us at [admin@acc.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@acc.sa.edu.au) or call us on [+61 8 7082 1500](tel:+61870821500)