

# Prospective student course guide



Australian  
**Chiropractic  
College**

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## 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 proactive 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 as 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 a 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**

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### When can I apply?

Semesters commence in February and July each year and applications are open year-round. We encourage prospective students to apply ahead of time, as positions for future study periods will be assessed in advance.

### What are the application Pathways?

The following pathways are available:

- Recent secondary study – a recent Year 12 (SACE equivalent) qualification gained in the past two years or about to be completed.
- Post-secondary study – satisfactory completion of at least 1 EFTSL (Equivalent Full Time Study Load) of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level 5 or 0.5 EFTSL of an AQF Level 6 Australian higher education study or equivalent including credit equivalence for assumed knowledge.
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) Study – satisfactory completion of a VET qualification at Certificate IV or higher from a Registered Training Organisation.
- Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) – achieved a STAT score of at least 140 in the written English section and 155 in the multiple-choice section.
- Work and life experience – demonstrated readiness for higher education studies through a resume which shows at least three years of professional experience, a 500-word personal statement, a supporting statement on company letterhead from your employer (or a trader with your business if you are the owner or CEO) and at least two relevant written references.

If you are ready to study with the Australian Chiropractic College but are unsure about the best pathway for you, please contact our Student Admissions Team for more information. Our Student Admissions Team is here to help you.

### What if I have already studied?

If you have previously or are currently enrolled in science or health science courses, you may have already met the requirements for some subjects. Please contact our Student Admissions Team so we can advise you and discuss a personalised study plan

### What If I am an international student?

The Australian Chiropractic College is a registered CRICOS provider, Provider ID: 03943F, so we can enrol international students.

### Can I have a campus tour?

Yes, contact the Student Admissions Team (details below) to arrange a personal tour.

### What are the English language requirements?

The English language competence required for those students from a non-English speaking country, or who have not completed study at an approved English-speaking provider is an academic IELTS overall score of 7.0 with no individual language skill under 7.0

### What next?

Complete our [Application Expression of Interest Form](#) or contact our Student Admissions Team:

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We will advise you of your best entry pathway, clarify questions based on your individual circumstances, and support you through the application process.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

### What is the program structure?

The program structure is one year of health science study at AQF Level 5 / Diploma or higher (Level 1 pre-requisites of our program) and a four-year Bachelor degree (Levels 2 to 5 of our program).

### What are the pre-requisites?

A general description of the Level 1 pre-requisites is set out below along with a program of study offered by the College.

General description	Credits	EFTSL	ACC Level 1 program of study	EFTSL
Anatomy and Physiology	30	0.250	Human Body Systems 1 Human Body Systems 2	0.125 0.125
Biochemistry	15	0.125	Introduction to Human Movement	0.125
Microbiology	15	0.125	Life Sciences 1	0.125
Biophysics	15	0.125	Life Sciences 2	0.125
Electives (x3)	45	0.375	Research & Study Skills Social Studies of Health Australian Healthcare System	0.125 0.125 0.125
	<b>120</b>	<b>1.0</b>		<b>1.0</b>

Note that EFTSL stands for Equivalent Full Time Student Load where a year's full time study equates to one EFTSL.

### Can I fast track my pre-requisites with the ACC?

Yes, the ACC offers a fast track for the five pre-requisite units needed to commence your Bachelor of Chiropractic degree in Semester 1 2023. These are delivered face to face on campus as follows:

- Human Body Systems 1 & 2, Life Sciences 1, and Introduction to Human Movement are delivered in Semester 2 commencing July 2022.
- Life Sciences 2 is delivered in a 2022/3 summer school.
- The remaining three electives can be completed from 2023 over the next four years in parallel with your Bachelors study.

Note that these units currently are non-accredited and not eligible for FEE-HELP. It is anticipated, but not guaranteed, the 2023 units will be accredited and eligible for FEE-HELP

### What if I already have the pre-requisites?

If you already have the pre-requisites, you are ready to start your studies for the Bachelor of Chiropractic in Semester 1 2023. The study program as follows.

Level 2 – Semester 1	EFTSL	Level 2 – Semester 2	EFTSL
Musculo-skeletal Anatomy 1 - Axial	0.1	Musculo-skeletal Anatomy 2	0.1
Philosophy of Chiropractic 1	0.05	Philosophy of Chiropractic 2	0.05
Immunology	0.033	Pathology Systemic 1	0.05
Biomechanics	0.05	Psychology 1	0.05
Technique Skills Acquisition	0.117	Critical Thinking Chiropractic	0.05
Professional Practice 1	0.05	Technique Skills Acquisition 2	0.15
Evidence Based Chiropractic	0.05	Neuroscience 1	0.05
Pathology – General	0.05		
	<b>0.5</b>		<b>0.5</b>

<b>Level 3 – Semester 1</b>	<b>EFTSL</b>	<b>Level 3 – Semester 2</b>	<b>EFTSL</b>
Musculo-skeletal Anatomy 3	0.05	Professional Practice 3	0.025
Philosophy of Chiropractic 3	0.05	Diagnosis 1	0.05
Radiography – Physics	0.05	Technique Skills Acquisition 4	0.15
Neuroscience 2	0.075	Neuroscience 3	0.075
Technique Skills Acquisition 3	0.05	Diagnostic Imaging 1	0.05
Pre-Chiropractic Practice 1	0.075	Pre-Chiropractic Practice 2	0.1
Chiropractic Science	0.05	Radiography - Positioning	0.025
Pathology – Systemic 2	0.05	Nutrition	0.025
Professional Practice 2	0.05		
	<b>0.5</b>		<b>0.5</b>

<b>Level 4 – Semester 1</b>	<b>EFTSL</b>	<b>Level 4 – Semester 2</b>	<b>EFTSL</b>
Neuro-Diagnosis 1	0.05	Professional Practice 4	0.05
Pre-Chiropractic Practice 3	0.075	Technique Skills Acquisition 6	0.05
Diagnosis 2	0.05	Diagnostic Imaging 3	0.05
Diagnostic Imaging 2	0.05	Special Populations – Children	0.05
Technique Skills Acquisition 5	0.05	Chiropractic Management 1	0.1
Psychology: Clinical Psychology	0.05	Chiropractic Practice 2	0.2
Rehabilitation	0.075		
Chiropractic Practice 1	0.1		
	<b>0.5</b>		<b>0.5</b>

<b>Level 5 – Semester 1</b>	<b>EFTSL</b>	<b>Level 5 – Semester 2</b>	<b>EFTSL</b>
Professional Practice 5	0.05	Professional Practice 6	0.05
Special Populations – Elderly	0.05	Business and Ethics	0.05
Diagnostic Imaging 4	0.05	Technique Skills Acquisition 8	0.1
Chiropractic Practice 3	0.2	Chiropractic Practice 4	0.3
Chiropractic Management 2	0.1		
Technique Skills Acquisition 7	0.05		
	<b>0.5</b>		<b>0.5</b>

## FEES

### What are the tuition fees for Level 1 pre-requisite units?

The fee for a Level 1 pre-requisite delivered by the College in 2022 is:

- AUD500 /unit for a domestic or New Zealand student.
- AUD750 /unit for an international student.

Note that Level 1 units that are delivered by the College in 2022 are non-accredited and not eligible for FEE-HELP. It is anticipated, but not guaranteed, the units delivered in 2023 and onwards will be accredited and eligible for FEE-HELP. The fees may increase in 2023. Also note that studying non-accredited units may not be an option for international students who need to study full time for visa purposes.

### What are the tuition fees for Levels 2 to 5 Bachelors units?

The fees for full time study for Levels 2 to 5 Bachelors units are:

- AUD13,000 /semester for a domestic or New Zealand student.
- AUD16,000 /semester for an international student.

All units of study for Levels 2 to 5 are delivered by the College, are accredited, and are eligible for FEE-HELP.

### When do I have to pay my tuition fees?

Tuition fees are due on a semester basis and must be paid by the published census date for each semester.

### 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. The ACC is an approved FEE-HELP provider and domestic students have access this loan scheme.

It is important to note that if you have previously accessed a HELP loan (e.g. FEE-HELP or HECS) you will need to check the balance available for your studies. Students can borrow up to the combined HELP limit (\$108,232 in 2021). Note that the that the College's fees for Levels 2 to 5 is currently \$104,000. This does not include fees for Level 1 pre-requisite units that have a FEE-HELP loan. Students who exceed their HELP loan limit prior to completing their qualification may need to find alternative funding sources to complete their program of study.

For more information about FEE-HELP please visit <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/fee-help>.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### What are the clinic requirements?

You will be identified to the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Agency (AHPRA) in order that they be recorded as a Registered Student Chiropractor.

Your Level 4 studies include a Clinical/Work Integrated Learning program placement for observation of, and engagement in individuals' clinical care. Prior to commencing this, and you must provide a current:

- Working with children's check
- A National Police Check
- Level 2 First Aid

### Is COVID-19 vaccination mandatory?

Under normal circumstances, study at the College does not require you to be vaccinated. However, there may be situations that mandate vaccination. If you choose not to be vaccinated where it is required for completion of a unit or practical placement, you will be provided with alternative options where possible. If there are no reasonably practical alternatives, you may not be able to complete your course. Also, vaccination may be required for professional registration or employment.

You are responsible for your decisions regarding vaccination. The College is not liable for any consequences of this decision including the refund of tuition fees.

### 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 Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) is an independent accrediting authority for chiropractic education under [Australia's National Registration and Accreditation Scheme](#). The Bachelor of Chiropractic program of Australian Chiropractic College is accredited with conditions by the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia. Please refer <https://www.ccea.com.au/acc-conditions>

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

### Can I study part time?

Yes, part time study options are available. Please contact the College to discuss part time study pathways.

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