

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS (Bachelor of Chiropractic)

Statement

This Admissions Requirements Statement forms part of ACC's admissions framework and should be read in conjunction with the Recruitment and Admissions Policy and Recruitment and Admissions Procedure. It sets out the approved admission pathways, prerequisite studies and other requirements for admission to the Bachelor of Chiropractic.

DEFINITIONS

Terms in this document, for which definitions are not provided in the text or may not be self-evident or for which usage at the College may differ to that in other higher education institutions are as follows:

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR): An ATAR is a rank given to secondary school students on a range from 0 to 99.95. The ATAR shows how you performed in your studies compared to other students completing an Australian Year 12 program, see <https://www.satac.edu.au/atar>

Skills for Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT): STAT is an aptitude test that evaluates verbal and quantitative reasoning, see <https://stat.acer.org.au>.

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Application pathways

Admission through any one of the following application pathways is available:

- Recent secondary study – a student with a Year 12 qualification gained in the past two years is eligible to enrol in Bachelor of Chiropractic where they are concurrently enrolled in the ACC Diploma of Health Science. Recent secondary students are eligible with the achievement of an ATAR 80 or higher. Students will be considered for entry with achievement of an ATAR between 79 and 65 (inclusive) subject to agreeing to an Academic Support Agreement; or
- Post-secondary study – satisfactory completion of at least 1 EFTSL (Equivalent Full Time Student Load) of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level 5 or 0.5 EFTSL of an AQF level 6 Australian higher education study or equivalent. Where the post-secondary study meets assumed knowledge, prerequisite and/or credit transfer requirements, credit equivalence is recognised; or
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) Study – satisfactory completion of a VET qualification at Certificate IV or higher from a Registered Training Organisation; or
- Skills for Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) – achieved a STAT score of at least 140 in the written English section and 155 in the multiple choice section; or
- Work and life experience – demonstrate readiness for higher education studies through a resume which shows at least three years of professional experience related to Chiropractic, a 500 word personal statement, a supporting statement on company letterhead from your employer (or a trader with your business if you are the CEO) and at least two relevant written references; or
- International academic equivalence as determined by reference to the National Office for Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) database. Should a qualification not be able to be verified by NOOSR, the College will endeavour to seek other means of verification.

The following applicants are able to contact the College to discuss special entry admission if:

- Aboriginal or Torres Straights Islander.
- Applicants where their study, work or life experiences have been impacted by disability, illness, family disruption, or other source of disadvantage.

Prerequisites

Admission to the Bachelor of Chiropractic requires successful completion of:

- successful progression through or completion of the ACC Diploma of Health Science; or
- equivalent studies assessed by ACC as meeting the prerequisite knowledge and skills required for entry to the Bachelor of Chiropractic.

Equivalent studies will normally comprise at least 1.0 EFTSL of study at AQF Level 5 or above in areas relevant to human biology, health sciences and related disciplines. In particular, equivalent studies will normally demonstrate knowledge and skills in:

- anatomy and physiology;
- biological and health sciences;
- human movement and health;
- health assessment; and
- academic and research skills.

Other requirements

- Inherent Requirements as defined in the Inherent Requirements Policy and associated Statement(s).
- Clinical placements are part of the program and students must meet any requirements set by the placement organisation. This may include:
 - Immunisation and vaccination
 - Working with children check
 - Working with vulnerable persons check
 - Police record check
- A first aid certificate prior to undertaking a clinical placement.
- English language proficiency as shown by:
 - English as the first language;
 - Overseas entrance qualification from a country where the main language is English and the main language of instruction and assessment for that qualification was English;
 - An Australian University entrance qualification; or
 - Evidence to the College of an IELTS outcome of 7.0 or equivalent.

VERSION CONTROL

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Nature of Change	July 2022
	• Remove the interview and written submission as an entry requirement • Require an ATAR of 80 for direct entry • Allow entry on the basis of an ATAR of 65 subject to agreement to an Academic Support Agreement • Reflect that prerequisite study is available at the College as the preferred approach • Update responsibilities to reflect new roles. • Recognise the IELTS requirement.
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	• Remove the part time hybrid pathway into the Bachelor in recognition of the accreditation of the Diploma of Health Science • Clarification that students that have recently completed secondary study are only eligible if they are concurrently enrolled in the ACC Diploma of Health Science and are, therefore, studying the Bachelor pre-requisites with ACC. They would otherwise have had to complete the pre-requisites elsewhere and will be eligible under the Post Secondary Study criteria • Confirm the implementation and monitoring arrangements.
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	• Updated naming of STAT from Special Tertiary Admissions Test to the Skills for Tertiary Admissions Test.
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	• Updated the statement to align with the revised Recruitment and Admissions Policy and Recruitment and Admissions Procedure, including positioning the statement within the broader admissions framework. • Simplified and clarified the prerequisite requirements by replacing the detailed prerequisite unit table with principles-based requirements for completion of the ACC Diploma of Health Science or equivalent studies demonstrating the required knowledge and skills. • Updated the Academic Support Agreement threshold to clarify that applicants with an ATAR between 65 and 79 (inclusive) may be considered for admission subject to an Academic Support Agreement. • Updated references to align with the new Inherent Requirements Policy and associated Statements, replacing standalone references to inherent requirements. • Removed duplicated contextual, governance and review content that is now addressed in the overarching Recruitment and Admissions Policy and Procedure, resulting in a shorter, more focused admissions requirements statement.