

Timetable & absence

The programme is designed to be 45 weeks & four days long in each of the two academic years. Consequently, the course does not run to a standard undergraduate term/semester dates. Holiday periods and dedicated independent study periods are built in throughout the year.

For the MSc Podiatry (pre-registration) course the pass mark is 50%. Further information is available via the [policies for students](#) section on the virtual learning environment. Any absence required for an extended period should be discussed with the Course Leader

Additional costs

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Students undertaking NHS placements will require extra vaccinations e.g. Hepatitis B (3 dose course), you can view more information on [our website](#).

Placement:

The locality of placements can take students across Dorset and neighbouring counties. This will incur additional costs and students need to plan for this in their annual budget. Typically, these costs are for travel and, if necessary, accommodation to access placement. The amount of money involved will depend on the site of the placement, distance from home, and the type and length of placement. Costs of several hundred pounds (as expected) and (usually) over £1000 per year. UK students may claim placement travel expenses, and costs towards any additional accommodation that may be required in order to access placements from the NHS support fund but these costs are reimbursed to a threshold. More information about this can be found at: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund-lsf>

All applicants are required to undergo an Occupational Health Check, this is to ensure that you are physically and mentally suited to a career in health. If you have any concerns about your medical suitability, you are advised to discuss this with your GP. The link to the questionnaire from our OH provider will be sent out in November, this forms the basis of the health screening so it is vital that all questions are answered as fully and honestly as possible. The questionnaire covers the issue of vaccinations, and it is important that students are aware that they will need to provide evidence of the vaccinations, immunity or have the full range of immunisations before they start in any clinic environment. Applicants must meet the costs of this check (**approx. £28.50**) and any subsequent costs, related to the pre-clearance stage. Any missed appointments will be charged to the student at the full price.

More information can be found on [our website](#).

Unit referral

Should a student fail any assessments and be offered an opportunity to repeat a unit or units there will be a fee payable as set out below (fees quoted at 2023-24 prices): *

Home students: £1,540 per unit (20 credits)

EU/Overseas students: £2,500 per unit (20 credits)

If a student is only sitting elements of unit due to exceptional personal circumstances, accepted by the Assessment Board, this is not considered a Repeat Unit and fees do not apply. This may impact maintenance loans from the Student Loan Company and students are advised to contact the Student Finance team on studentfinance@aecc.ac.uk for further information.

Qualification & graduation

On successful completion of the course students

You will be provided with transcripts for each year of study along with a diploma supplement and degree certificate upon completion of your course of study. If you require a replacement of any of these documents, there will be a fee payable.

Accommodation

Students are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements while enrolled at the University College. The Student Services team can offer advice and assistance in finding private rented accommodation in the area.

It is recommended that students purchase a tablet or computer/laptop for their personal use, as this will enhance their learning by giving them immediate access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

It is recommended students have a good quality Broadband internet connection when studying at home.

Practical & clinical placement

Students will be expected to dress smartly and adhere to the clinic dress code when observing or working with patients in the onsite clinic. The dress code for offsite placements must be observed and in all placement settings students will be expected to maintain high standards of personal hygiene.

Students are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of all practical skills classes. We take registers of attendance at these classes and collate the results regularly

During practical classes students will be expected to practice physical examination and therapy skills using other students in their year group as subjects, and to act as a subject for other students. These are mixed gender groups. You will be required to

Health & good character

We expect students on this professionally-based course to maintain professional standards of behaviour at all times, and to act in accordance with the Health and Care Professions Council [Standards of conduct, performance and ethics](#)

Occupational Health Screening

You must undertake occupational health screening to determine your suitability to undertake the course.

Disability support

If you are a disabled person or have a long-

cost is currently £36 (correct as at November 2022) for the duration of the course. Please see: <https://rcpod.org.uk/membership/membership-categories>