

This document covers the admission requirements for the Master of Osteopathy

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To be eligible for admission, you must meet two admission requirements:

- Requirements for either general admission, special admission, or discretionary admission
- English language requirements

Most domestic (NZ) students enter through general admission. If you do not meet the requirements for general admission, special admission or discretionary admission may be available.

General Admission

To apply for this programme, candidates are required to meet all of the below entry requirements.

- Applicants must give their consent to undergo a process of Safety Checking as set out in the Vulnerable Children (Requirements for Safety Checks of Children's Workers) Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations"). This checking process will include:
 - Providing 2 forms of identification, and evidence of any name changes (if any);
 - Consent to Unitec undertaking a Police Vet check, or a Criminal Record Check (as required), and advise Unitec of any current charges or pending court matters;
 - Providing a chronological summary of his or her work history, if any, for the preceding 5 years and the name of any professional organisations and/or licensing authorities and/or registration authorities that the student is a member of or been licensed by and that is relevant to the proposed placement (if required);
 - Providing the names of 2 referees who may be contacted by Unitec or your placement provider (if required);
 - Attending a face to face interview (if required) for the purposes of a risk assessment as required by section 8 of the Act.

Applicants are also required to consent to the above information gathered as part of the Safety Check to be shared with a host institution for the purposes of a practicum placement.

- a completed self-declaration of criminal conviction(s) and any medical condition(s) that may prevent full participation in the programme and/or prevent registration with a regulatory authority (as applicable);
- The Master of Osteopathy is designed to follow on from the Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Biology). The majority of applicants will have completed this degree, attaining a B grade average or higher in the final year. Unless an applicant is transferring from a recognised osteopathic programme (e.g. from the UK or Australia), they will normally be required to complete at least some elements of the Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Biology) prior to entry to the Master of Osteopathy.

d) Applicants must demonstrate clinical and professional aptitude

1. *Applicants must demonstrate clinical and professional aptitude. Applicants may be denied admission if they fall within any of the following categories as indicated in Section 16 'Fitness for registration' of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA):*

- Inability to communicate effectively
- Communication and comprehension of English is insufficient to protect the health and safety of the public
- Has a history of conviction and that the offence reflects adversely on his/her fitness to practise
- Unable to perform the functions required of the profession because of some mental or physical condition

2. *Additionally, applicants must be aware of Sections 45(4) & (5) 'Inability to perform required functions' of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA):*

- If a person in charge of educational programmes that is a prescribed qualification for a scope of practice believes that a student completing a course would be unable to perform the functions required for the relevant profession because of some mental or physical condition, they **MUST** promptly give the Registrar of the responsible authority written notice of all the circumstances.

Special Admission

An applicant may be considered for special admission if he/she holds at least a bachelor's degree qualification in a discipline other than osteopathy. All applicants entering the programme under special admission criteria will be interviewed. The Relevant Academic Authority may recommend a supplementary plan of study in their first semester of study.

English Language Requirements

Applicants for whom English is an additional language (EAL) and who have not completed the BASHB at Unitec or another approved institution recognised by OCNZ must provide evidence of achieving an overall IELTS (Academic) band score of no less than 7.0 in each band of the test.