

# PROGRAMME REGULATIONS

## Programme Schedule

### Master of Osteopathy

To be read in conjunction with the [Masters Generic Regulations](#).

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#### 1. Programme Schedule

This Programme Schedule applies to the Master of Osteopathy (MOst) Level 9 Credits 240.

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#### 2. Programme Specific Admission Requirements and Special Admission

##### 2.1 Programme Specific admission requirements

The admission requirements set out in the Masters Generic Regulations do not apply to this programme. To be admitted to this programme, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- a. 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:
  - i. Providing 2 forms of identification, and evidence of any name changes (if any);
  - ii. 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;
  - iii. 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);
  - iv. Providing the names of 2 referees who may be contacted by Unitec or your placement provider (if required);

- v. 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.

- b. a completed self-declaration of medical condition(s), if any, that may prevent full participation in the programme and/or prevent registration with a regulatory authority (as applicable).
- c. 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 BAppSc (HB) 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.
- e. 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.

## 2.2 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.

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### 3. Selection

#### 3.1 Selection criteria

When the number of eligible applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following selection criteria will be applied:

- demonstrated academic achievement
- research interests which are appropriate to the programme.

These criteria are not ranked in any order. Applicants who meet the greatest number of criteria will be the preferred applicants.

#### 3.2 Selection process

Selection will be made by the Programme Leader with authority delegated by the Programme Management Committee.

Students will be selected based on the information supplied. In some cases, a telephone or face-to-face interview may be required.

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### 4. Requirements for the Award of the Qualification

#### 4.1 The Award

To be awarded the Master of Osteopathy, a candidate shall have successfully completed:

- 240 credits, including a 90 credit research thesis at level 9, comprised of the compulsory courses listed in listed in Table 1; and
- a minimum of 1000 hours of work experience in an approved clinical setting including the completion of all scheduled hours following the successful completion of all required courses and achievement of all competencies expected.

**Table 1: Course Details: Master of Osteopathy**

Compulsory courses in **bold**.

Elective courses in *italics*.

Level	Course No.	Course Name	Credits	Prerequisites	Co-requisites
8	<b>HEAL8308</b>	<b>Patient Management and Clinical Reasoning 1</b>	15		
8	<b>HEAL8309</b>	<b>Patient Management and Clinical Reasoning 2</b>	15	<b>HEAL8312, HEAL 8313 &amp; HEAL8308</b>	<b>HEAL8314</b>
8	<b>HEAL8310</b>	<b>Professional Practice</b>	15	<b>HEAL8312,</b>	

Level	Course No.	Course Name	Credits	Prerequisites	Co-requisites
				HEAL8313, HEAL8308	
8	HEAL8312	Clinical Science	15		
8	HEAL8313	Clinical Osteopathy 1	45		
8	HEAL8314	Clinical Osteopathy 2	45	HEAL8312 & HEAL8313 & HEAL8308	HEAL8309
9	HEAL9311	Research Project	60		
9	HEAL9312	Research Thesis	90		

Course HEAL9311 Research Project (60 credits) is restricted against course HEAL9312 Research Thesis (90credits).

Only students enrolled in the Master of Osteopathy programme before Semester 1, 2008 can enrol in HEAL9311.

#### 4.2 Re-sits and Re-submissions

Students who were unsuccessful in meeting assessment requirements for any single course may, at the discretion of the Osteopathy Programme Management Committee, be offered a re-sit / re-submission of an unsuccessful assessment item in that course before the start of the following academic year. Students would not normally be offered a re-sit / re-submission in more than one assessment item in any one course. Only in exceptional circumstances would a student be offered a re-sit / re-submission in more than one course in any single year.

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## 5. Assessment

### 5.1 Grading System

The 11-point grading system, as prescribed in the Generic Masters Regulations, shall apply to all courses in this programme; however, the 4-point achievement based assessment system shall apply to: HEAL8306, HEAL8307, HEAL8313 and HEAL8314.

**Table 2: Achievement Based Assessment System**

A	Pass with distinction	Credits earned
B	Pass with merit	Credits earned
C	Pass	Credits earned
D	Fail	No credits earned

## 5.2 Submission / Late submission of assessments

Applications for extensions must be made to the Programme Leader at least three (3) days prior to the submission date for the assessment item.

Except in exceptional circumstances, the maximum time granted for extensions will be three days including weekends. This three day grace period will be given only in valid circumstances at the discretion of the Programme Leader

Applications for longer extensions must be made in line with the Special Assessment Circumstances section in the Academic Management Policy.

If no extension is granted, late assignments will incur a late assignment penalty as follows: 10% of total marks available are deducted per day (or part-of), inclusive of weekend days, up to and including 5 days. (Thus, 1 day late = 10% deducted, 2 days late = 20% deducted, etc).

No assignments will be accepted more than five days after the due date and a student will receive a DNC grade.

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## 6. Commencement

These regulations came into force Semester 1, 2017.