

CHIROPRACTIC SCIENCE

NEW Programs

► Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic)

► Master of Chiropractic Science*

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Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic)

The Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic) is an evidence-based degree that will provide you with a skills-set that qualifies you to apply to enter the professional qualification, the Master of Chiropractic Science. Graduation from the Master program is the qualification that allows registration and practice as a chiropractor in Australia and overseas.

In this degree you will develop clinical skills in the diagnosis and management of patients presenting for care. Within a patient-centered learning environment you will develop a range of spinal and patient assessment procedures and basic therapeutic approaches to common musculoskeletal presentations such as low back pain, neck and shoulder pain, and headache.

You will learn to manage patients from a wellness perspective to help them achieve their optimal well-being and will incorporate nutrition, movement such as walking and exercise, and other lifestyle adaptations. You will learn the history, philosophy, principles and theories of chiropractic and relevant chiropractic psychomotor skills integrated with a knowledge of basic science.

Your practical skills will be developed within Australia's newest, state-of-the-art chiropractic learning environment, supported by work integrated learning each term in approved clinics Australia-wide. You may also enrich your learning with optional overseas mini-study tours.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Completion of the Bachelor program alone does not confer any eligibility to apply for registration, to practice chiropractic, or for the graduate to describe themselves as a chiropractor. Knowledge gained and appreciation of basic techniques will support employment as an assistant in chiropractic practice, but this program is principally designed to prepare students for the masters program and subsequent professional registration as a chiropractor.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Professional recognition is gained on completion of the full five year chiropractic program (bachelor and master). You will be eligible to apply for registration as a chiropractor with the Chiropractors' Board of Australia (CBA). Students commencing the bachelor are automatically recognised by the CBA as Registered Student Chiropractors. You will also be eligible for membership of the peak professional body, the Chiropractors' Association of Australia (CAA). Students commencing the bachelor are eligible for student membership of the CAA.

STUDY APPROACH

To be awarded the Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic) you must complete 24 courses totalling 144 units of credit. On completion of 16 courses, totalling 96 units of credit you may exit the program and be awarded the Associate Degree in Chiropractic Studies. As these programs provide strongly sequenced clinical learning to ensure the attainment of high level psychomotor skills and patient-centred clinical decision making the courses must be taken in the sequence in which they are offered.

- Science Communication
- Chemistry for the Life Sciences
- Human Body Systems 1
- Introduction to Chiropractic
- Macromolecules and Cell Function
- Human Body Systems 2
- Physics for Health Sciences
- Professional Practice
- Neurological Physiology and Measurement
- Microbiology for Health Care
- Radiation Science
- Chiropractic Assessment of the Spine
- Neuroanatomy and Systemic Pathology
- Human Pathophysiology
- Nutrition
- Low Back Presentations in Chiropractic Practice
- Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Special Populations
- Clinical Skills – Neurology, Orthopaedics
- Head and Neck Presentations in Chiropractic Practice
- Social Foundations of Psychology
- Reflective Practice in Allied Health
- Integrated Clinical Skills
- Integrated Diagnosis and Management

PROGRAM DETAILS

DURATION	3 years full-time 6 years part-time
ENTRY DATE	February
DOMESTIC AVAILABILITY	Mackay
QTAC CODE	Mackay 840501
OP/SR	NEW
PREREQUISITES	Completion of Year 12 and English (4SA) or completion of a minimum of one year tertiary study with passes or above.
RECOMMENDED STUDY	English and one of either Biology, Chemistry or Physics
COURSES /CREDIT	24/144
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL	Some courses will have residential schools at CQUniversity Mackay.
WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING	Chiropractic courses comprise work integrated learning in a range of forms including activities in chiropractic clinics, other health clinics, and mini study tours to overseas countries.
EXIT AWARD	Associate Degree in Chiropractic Studies

FURTHER AND RELATED STUDY

Successful completion of the bachelor entitles the graduate to apply for entry into the Master of Chiropractic Science offered by CQUniversity.



BE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE

Master of Chiropractic Science*

The Master of Chiropractic Science integrates and develops the knowledge and skills gained in the CQUniversity Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic) and is the professional qualification that allows registration and practice as a chiropractor in Australia and overseas.

In this degree you will learn advanced clinical skills in the diagnosis and management of patients presenting for care. Within a patient-centred learning environment you will develop a broad range of contemporary spinal and patient assessment procedures and advanced therapeutic approaches appropriate for primary contact, primary care practice, specialising in musculoskeletal and related presentations.

You will manage patients from a wellness perspective to help them achieve their optimal well-being and will incorporate nutrition and a range of lifestyle adaptations. You will apply the history, philosophy, principles and theories of chiropractic and relevant chiropractic psychomotor skills integrated with a knowledge of clinical science.

Your practical skills will be developed within Australia's newest, state-of-the-art chiropractic clinical practice environment, supported by significant work-integrated learning in approved clinics Australia-wide and in some overseas countries.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of a three year, six term equivalent undergraduate chiropractic program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA). While the CQUniversity Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic) is specifically sequenced for optimal articulation, other accredited bachelor programs will be considered. Successful completion is defined as a GPA of 5.0 or higher on a 7.0 scale.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Professional recognition is gained on completion of the Master of Chiropractic Science. You will be eligible to apply for registration as a chiropractor with the Chiropractic Board of Australia (CBA). Students commencing the master are automatically recognised by the CBA as Registered Student Chiropractors. You will also be eligible for membership of the peak professional body, the Chiropractors' Association of Australia (CAA). Students commencing the master are eligible for student membership of the CAA.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Completion of the master program confers the eligibility to apply for registration as a chiropractor and, when registration is granted, to practice chiropractic and describe yourself as a chiropractor. There is a strong demand for competent and capable chiropractors in Australia and many overseas countries and graduates may commence their own private practice, enter into an associate-ship or partnership in an existing practice, or continue their studies to become an academic and/or a researcher.

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STUDY APPROACH

To be awarded the Master of Chiropractic Science you must complete 16 courses, totalling 96 units of credit.

- Research Project
- Advanced Chiropractic Techniques 1
- Imaging Interpretation 1
- Clinical Practicum 1
- Clinical Psychology
- Advanced Chiropractic Techniques 2
- Imaging Interpretation 2
- Clinical Practicum 2
- Paediatrics, Ageing and Indigenous Health
- Functional Neurology
- Wellness and Optimal Wellbeing
- Clinical Practicum 3
- Specialist practice stream (paediatrics, sports, animal, imaging, workplace, rural health)
- Business Establishment and Management
- Treatment Optimisation
- Clinical Practicum 4 including Research Presentations

PROGRAM DETAILS

DURATION	2 years full-time 3 years part-time
ENTRY DATE	February 2014
DOMESTIC AVAILABILITY	Mackay
COURSES /CREDIT	16/96
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL	Some courses will have residential schools at CQUniversity Mackay
WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING	Chiropractic courses comprise work integrated learning in a range of forms including activities in chiropractic clinics, other health clinics, and mini study tours to overseas countries.

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How to Apply

How you apply to study at CQUniversity will depend on your level of study and what type of student you are.

You'll find all the possibilities covered below.

CQUniversity's Apply Now webpage www.cqu.edu.au/applynow provides you with information about each application process required to study at CQUniversity. Visit this site to find out more and get started with your application. If you have any questions along the way please call us on 13CQUni 13 27 86.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

If you are wanting to study an undergraduate degree, and are either a current Year 12 student or a non-Year 12 (non-school leaver – someone who has not completed Year 12 in the last twelve months), you must submit your application through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). Visit the QTAC website, www.qtac.edu.au and select the 'Apply Now' tab located on the 'Online Services' link. Information on application requirements is available at this site. Generally, Year 12 students will require a rank score (OP/ATAR) to apply and non-Year 12 applicants will be asked to detail work experience and educational history to assess ability to meet degree entry requirements.

POSTGRADUATE DEGREE

When seeking admission into a postgraduate coursework degree you will need to apply directly to CQUniversity via an online application process at www.cqu.edu.au/applynow. This will be followed by submission of your supporting documentation. Entry to most postgraduate degrees require a minimum of a bachelor degree, however for some programs previous work experience or prior learning will meet requirements.

CONTACT US

For more information please contact CQUniversity on 13CQUni or visit www.cqu.edu.au/newprograms.

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Due to the structure of this program please contact CQUniversity to find out details about fee structures.

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