What Is IMU’s Chiropractic Programme About?

Overview

The programme comprises of 4 years of academic and clinical training. Students have the option to receive academic credits for the subjects they have successfully completed in IMU and use these towards the completion of their degree at RMIT University in Australia, AECC University College or University of South Wales in the United Kingdom.

Chiropractic students are guided through the curriculum via a combination of lectures, discussions, practical laboratory sessions, as well as self-directed and simulated clinical settings. From the first semester onwards, chiropractic students learn to enhance their sense of touch and develop manual skills to detect and correct problems with the joints of the body, especially those of the spine (neck, back and pelvis). As students progress through the curriculum, these hands-on activities increase, ultimately, students are involved in the supervised diagnosis and management of actual patients. In the final stages of training, students manage real patients throughout their care programme in a supervised chiropractic clinic.

### Degree / Duration

| Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Chiropractic (IMU) — 4 years | Degree from partner universities — 4½ – 5 years |

### Commencement

| January and July |

### Partner Universities

**Australia**

- RMIT

**United Kingdom**

- AECC University College
- University of South Wales
“The IMU Chiropractic programme has been designed and accredited in accordance with international standards set in place by the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia. Having alliance with partner schools in Australia and the UK enables interested students to mobilise internationally and complete their studies overseas with our credit transfer option. Our programme develops ethical, passionate graduates with skills in clinical and business management ready to serve the local or international community. IMU’s Chiropractic programme is the right choice for those hoping to positively impact the health and lives of the community and the patients they serve.”

DR TAMARA GIEN POOKE — Senior Lecturer and Programme Director
M-Tech Chiro (RSA), CVCP (USA), PhD Radiology (Malaysia)
# How Does the Programme Work?

## Chiropractic Programme Structure

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<th>SEMESTER</th>
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<td>Cell Biology, General Chemistry, Human Biology, Statistics for Life Sciences, Limb &amp; Trunk Anatomy, Introduction to Chiropractic Practice, MPU 1 - TITAS, MPU 1 - Hubungan Etnik</td>
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<td><strong>2</strong></td>
<td>Microbiology, Parasitology &amp; Immunology for Chiropractic, Pathology for Chiropractic, Biochemistry, Head &amp; Visceral Anatomy, Biomechanics for Chiropractic, Chiropractic Practice 2, MPU 2 - English For Health Sciences</td>
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<td>Clinical Nutrition for Chiropractic, Physical Conditioning for Health, Fitness &amp; Sports, Musculoskeletal System, Critical Thinking in Chiropractic Clinical Practice, Chiropractic Practice 3, Toxicology, Exercise &amp; Ageing, MPU 3 - Work Life Balance</td>
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<td>Central Nervous System, Radiography for Chiropractic, Radiological Positioning in Clinical Practice, Chiropractic Assessment &amp; Diagnosis, Chiropractic Practice 4, Physical Examination, Health Informatics, MPU 4 - Community Service</td>
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<td>Genetics, Reproduction &amp; Female Healthcare, Clinical Health Management in Chiropractic Care, Exercise &amp; Physiology for Chiropractic, Infectious Disease Outbreaks, Chiropractic Assessment &amp; Diagnosis 2, Chiropractic Practice 5, Community Health</td>
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<td>Complementary Medicine, Integrated Assessment &amp; Diagnosis in Chiropractic Practice, Research Methods, Radiation Protection in Clinical Practice, Chiropractic Practice 6, Junior Clinic, Psychology</td>
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<td>Ethics, Laws &amp; Professional Regulation for Chiropractic, Research Project (Methodology), Integrated Clinical Sciences 1, Clinical Chiropractic 1, Diagnosis &amp; Management 1, Chiropractic Clinical Practicum 1, Clinical Conference 1</td>
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<td>Diagnostic Imaging 1, Integrated Clinical Sciences 2, Diagnosis &amp; Management 2, Chiropractic Clinical Practicum 2, Practice &amp; Business Management for Chiropractors, Clinical Conference 2, Research Project (Presentation)</td>
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The curriculum is reviewed periodically and is subject to change.

The MPU modules are compulsory modules imposed by Ministry of Higher Education under the Private Higher Educational Institutions Act 1996 (Act 555). All students must take these modules and pass as a prerequisite for the award of the degree.
**Assessment**

Students will be assessed through their class tests, practical lab sessions, reports, reflective journals, problem based learning, projects, presentation, thesis, written examination and Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE).

**Clinical Internship**

Currently, students undergo a clinical internship in their final year (Semesters 7 and 8) at the two IMU Healthcare Clinics in Bukit Jalil and in Setiawalk, Puchong.

**Recognition of Degree**

The IMU Chiropractic programme obtained accreditation from the Council of Chiropractic Education of Australasia (CCEA) in 2013. This means that our graduates’ credentials will be accepted by many regulatory boards and agencies worldwide. Their degree (Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Chiropractic) will also be recognised in many countries worldwide.

Graduates of the IMU Chiropractic programme are employed in associate positions in chiropractic clinics in Peninsular and East Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, and Hong Kong. Some graduates manage their own private Chiropractic practices.

**Career Pathway**

Chiropractic is a healthcare system based on the diagnosis and manipulative treatment of misalignments and dysfunctions of the joints, especially those of the spinal column, which may affect other areas of the body by way of the nerves, muscles, and organs.

The demand for the profession is increasing as more of the general public are aware of the services chiropractors offer. With a population of 30 million (comparable to Canada), Malaysia could use an additional 6,450 practitioners to equal the same ratio of practicing chiropractors in Canada.

The majority of chiropractors are in private practice, working in clinics with shared facilities. A growing number of hospitals and clinics utilise chiropractic services, as well as various clinics around the world where chiropractors work in multidisciplinary group settings with other types of healthcare providers, such as family medicine specialists and orthopaedic surgeons. Chiropractors have also procured positions in military clinics and hospitals, sport medicine teams, as well as in education and research.

As chiropractic care has been shown to enhance the recovery of athletic injuries and to enhance athletic performance, many professional, collegiate, and amateur athletic teams utilise chiropractic services. Some teams employ chiropractors directly, while others refer their injured athletes to private sports chiropractic specialists.

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### CAREER PATHS FOR CHIROPRACTORS

- **Basic Chiropractic Degree**
  - BSc Chiropractic (Hons)

- **Housemanship**
  - 1 year

- **Practitioner**
  - Private

- **Postgraduate Degree**
  - Master, MSc, PhD, etc

- **Advanced Training / Specialities**
  - Sports chiropractic, orthopaedics, etc

* Students may be required to undergo 1 year of housemanship.
Why Study Chiropractic at IMU?

1. An Established Private Healthcare University
   IMU is Malaysia’s first and most established private medical and healthcare university with over 27 years of dedicated focus in healthcare education. IMU achieved the SETARA-2017 Tier 6 status (Outstanding) under the Mature University category.

2. Build Your Future Healthcare Professional Network
   As IMU offers the widest range of healthcare programmes, our students are fully immersed in a vibrant community of students and practitioners from a variety of healthcare fields. This allows for the development of strong friendship amongst peers that will be the foundation of an extensive healthcare professional network upon graduation.

3. Curriculum Benchmarked to International Standards
   IMU’s Chiropractic curriculum has been developed to meet high international standards and is accepted by renowned international universities in Australia and the United Kingdom for credit transfer into their chiropractic programmes. It is the first and only complete Chiropractic degree in Malaysia and Southeast Asia. The IMU Chiropractic programme has been accredited by the prestigious Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia.

   From Semester 1 onwards, students have the opportunity to experience many hours of hands-on practical sessions at the fully equipped Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre and Clinic, which helps to hone their skills and prepare them to be competent chiropractors.

5. Excellent Career Prospects
   As the demand for chiropractic services rapidly increases in Malaysia, there is a need to increase the number of qualified chiropractors. Currently in Malaysia, the ratio of chiropractor to population is 1 : 450,000 as compared to 1 : 4,500 in the US. Competent graduates will therefore be able to establish themselves in a rapidly growing field of healthcare.
How Much Does It Cost?

Chiropractic Programme Fees
All fees quoted are in Ringgit Malaysia unless stated otherwise.

FEES OVERVIEW

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• Application fee is payable upon submission of application.
• Registration fee and refundable caution deposit are payable upon acceptance of the offer letter issued by the IMU Admissions Office.
• As stipulated by Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education, international students will have to pay Student Visa Application fee of RM1,000 and Medical Health Check fee of RM250 and Visa endorsement fee (depending on nationality) upon registration.
• International students will also be required to pay Student Visa Renewal Administrative fee of RM140/year and Medical Health Check fee of RM250/year.
• Students must adhere to the “Policy on Payment of Fees”.
• All students are required to pay Student Association Fees of RM40 per semester.

FEES BY PROGRAMME ROUTES

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<th>Programme Route</th>
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Note
* Current estimates only.
** Based on exchange rates: A$1 = RM3.016, £1 = RM5.427
*** Fee is inclusive of £1,500.00 for self-funding students

• Tuition and ancillary fees at partner universities overseas are subject to annual increases.
• All fees are accurate at time of print. For latest fees and information, please go to www.imu.edu.my.
### Programmes at IMU

#### Pre-University
- Foundation in Science
  - KPT/JPT/R/010/3/0186/09/2023

#### Undergraduate
- **Medicine**
  - KPT/JPT/R/721/6/0033/09/2026
- **Psychology**
  - KPT/JPT/R/311/6/0013/09/2022
- **Dentistry**
  - KPT/JPT/R/724/6/0010/01/2023
- **Pharmacy**
  - KPT/JPT/R/727/6/0050/09/2026
- **Pharmaceutical Chemistry**
  - KPT/JPT/R/442/6/0003/01/2023
- **Dietetics with Nutrition**
  - KPT/JPT/R/726/6/0021/09/2022
- **Nutrition**
  - KPT/JPT/R/726/6/0011/06/2022
- **Biomedical Science**
  - KPT/JPT/R/421/6/0011/09/2022
- **Medical Biotechnology**
  - KPT/JPT/R/545/6/0014/09/2022
- **Chiropractic**
  - KPT/JPT/R/726/6/0054/08/2026
- **Chinese Medicine**
  - KPT/JPT/R/721/6/0059/01/2027
- **Nursing**
  - KPT/JPT/R/723/6/0125/04/2020
- **Nursing Science** *(for registered nurses)*
  - KPT/JPT/R/723/6/0101/01/2024

#### Postgraduate
- **Acupuncture (MSc)**
  - KPT/JPT(N/721/7/0071)/03/2022
- **Analytical & Pharmaceutical Chemistry (MSc)**
  - KPT/JPT(R-C/DL/442/7/0001)/01/2022
- **Business Administration in Healthcare Management** *(Postgraduate Certificate/Postgraduate Diploma/Master)*
  - KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1082)/09/2023
  - KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1080)/12/2023
  - KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1085)/10/2023
- **Diabetes Management & Education** *(Postgraduate Diploma)*
  - KPT/JPT(N/726/7/0030)/02/2023
- **Health Professions Education (HPE)** *(Postgraduate Certificate/Postgraduate Diploma/Master)*
  - KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0066)/09/2020
  - KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0064)/09/2020
  - KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0070)/09/2020
- **Implant Dentistry (Postgraduate Diploma)**
  - KPT/JPT(R/724/7/0079/19)/06/2021
- **Molecular Medicine (MSc)**
  - KPT/JPT(R/545/7/0078)/07/2022
- **Pharmacy Practice (Master)**
  - KPT/JPT(R/727/7/0051)/03/2024
- **Public Health (MSc)**
  - KPT/JPT(R/720/7/0077)/09/2020
- **Medical & Health Sciences (MSc & PhD by Research)**
  - KPT/JPT(R/721/8/0043)/01/2020
  - KPT/JPT(R/720/7/0049)/06/2026

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