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Advertising Feature

Chinese medicine, massage training options

The Coalition Government budget announcement regarding changes to fees-free eligibility means that this July intake will be the last where massage students will be eligible for fees-free if they meet the eligibility criteria.

It will also be the last time bachelor's degree students will be eligible for first year fees-free if they meet the criteria.

If you are a person without a tertiary study background wishing to study massage or traditional Chinese medicine, don't miss this chance to study fees-free.

Both the massage qualifications and a degree in acupuncture or Chinese medicine provide pathways to a rewarding new career working in the health sector.

The New Zealand College of Chinese Medicine (NZCCM) offers both the Level 5 NZ Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage and the Level 6 NZ Diploma in Remedial Massage nationally by hybrid/blended learning delivery.

Currently, NZCCM is the only provider offering Level 6 remedial massage in the wider Auckland region.

The hybrid/blended learning option provides learners with flexibility about how and where they study.

Both massage diplomas are offered as one-year full-time, or two-year part-time courses.

The hybrid/blended learning course design comprises face-to-face classes/zoom links, online learning modules in theory work, and on-campus practical block modules using the college's well-equipped massage clinic facilities at the



NZCCM has offered the Level 5 NZ Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage since 2018 and has delivered the Level 6 NZ Diploma in Remedial Massage to distant and local students via blended learning since 2021. Supplied/

Auckland campus with the benefits of direct learning support from specialist practitioner tutors.

It also enables greater access nationally as those outside Auckland can link to classes via zoom online.

Both qualifications have proved popular with students throughout New Zealand successfully completing the programmes.

Students meet the supervised practical requirements to register as a massage therapist with Massage Aotearoa New Zealand both through the block courses and for Level 6 also with the possible option of completing an approved individualised local clinical work placement.

Both massage programmes have recently been revised and upgraded to the latest

NZQA-approved version.

Dr Felicity Molloy, NZCCM Academic Quality Manager and Massage Aotearoa New Zealand executive member, states the new version "enhances our graduates' position in the healthcare sector with a strong focus on optimising well-being for individuals within communities".

In addition to the massage programmes, the New Zealand College of Chinese Medicine offers Chinese medicine qualifications including bachelor's degrees with majors in acupuncture and herbal medicine, the graduate certificate in Chinese medicine (Tuina Massage), and a Master of Chinese medicine degree.

The college has a strong international network, especially for Chinese medicine.

The International Chinese Medicine Forum on Saturday June 8, with a special delegation from the World Foundation of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Societies, provided an opportunity for experts with specialist knowledge to exchange information and learning with the local Chinese medicine profession.

Local communities also received free consultations about Chinese medicine, acupuncture, and Tuina massage from both international and national experts.

The college plans to work with Massage Aotearoa NZ's strategy to integrate massage within the New Zealand health care system.

In addition, by extending its international networks, particularly with Australia, Singapore and Canada, the college aligns with the New Zealand International Education Strategy (2022 - 2030).

The next Open Day on Tuesday June 18 provides a great opportunity for prospective students interested in massage or Traditional Chinese Medicine to obtain information about all qualifications offered, participate in free acupuncture treatments, observe demonstrations by massage staff, complete a tour of the campus, and have the opportunity to meet staff and discuss programmes.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the programmes offered, phone the college on 0800 888 518 or 09 580 2376, or email the college at enrolment@chinesemedicine.ac.nz

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