



Unitec Institute of Technology

Unitec is an institute of technology located in Auckland, New Zealand, which established the Department of Osteopathy in 1997. The Faculty of Social and Health Sciences mission is to recognise, engage and celebrate with communities to empower and transform people's lives. They celebrate the diversity of Unitec's disciplines to reflect the emerging needs of its communities. Unitec has 10 full-time and 10 part-time staff, and represents approximately 100 students from Auckland, New Zealand, and its international office accepts foreign students or members. Unitec's undergraduate programmes may be customised to suit individual experience and needs analysis. Their aim is to make the course as accessible as possible and encourage personal contact with the programme leaders.

The Institute's major areas of focus include:

- Faculty of Creative Industries and Business,
- Faculty of Social and Health Sciences, and
- Faculty of Technology and Built Environment

Unitec offers a wide range of courses to enable diversification from human biology training into education leadership and entrepreneurship in addition to an osteopathic career. The Masters of Osteopathy programme includes a two-year internship with Clinic 41 during which the student experiences a wide range of cases under supervision from an experienced osteopath, including awareness of Maori/Pacific healthcare. And because osteopathy is such a hands-on profession, the Department of Osteopathy programmes are hands-on too, and constitutes 1000 hours of supervised clinical work.

In New Zealand, only Unitec's osteopathy training leads to registration with the Osteopathic Council of New Zealand and practice as an osteopath.

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