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Hong Kong College of Chiropractic launch announced

McTimoney College of Chiropractic in the United Kingdom is offering a four-year Master of Chiropractic program in Hong Kong (Registration No. 253263). The program is designed to meet the needs of the Hong Kong community for chiropractic care and to serve the wider population of Hong Kong. This course is the first chiropractic course in Hong Kong and the Greater China region.

First Chiropractic Course in Hong Kong

Currently, all chiropractors practicing in Hong Kong graduate from overseas, as there are no chiropractic programs in Hong Kong's universities and tertiary institutions, and students who wish to study chiropractic can only do so abroad. In March this year, McTimoney College of Chiropractic, a

UK-based chiropractic college with 50 years of quality teaching experience, will collaborate with Universal College of Higher Education to offer a four-year Master of Chiropractic program in Hong Kong. The program integrates academic, practical and clinical components to nurture chiropractors in a holistic manner. Hong Kong students can stay in Hong Kong to pursue a Master of Chiropractic degree and the course fees are lower than those of overseas studies.

International and Local Recognition of Chiropractic Qualifications

The World Health Organization (WHO) officially endorsed the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) in 1997 and published the "Guidelines on Chiropractic Training and Safety" in 2005,

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McTimoney College of Chiropractic COO, Matthew Green, with Principal Prof. Christina Cunliffe and CDAHK Chair, Dr Eric Chu

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recognizing the effectiveness and professionalism of chiropractors. In 1993, the Hong Kong Chiropractors Council was established. Chiropractors registered in Hong Kong are recognized and regulated by the laws of Hong Kong as medical professionals.

Graduates in Employment within One Year after Graduation

The Master of Chiropractic degree of McTimoney College of Chiropractic is accredited in the UK by the General Chiropractic Council and the European Council for Chiropractic Education (ECCE) *2021 Hong Kong Chiropractic Survey: Analysis of the Data*, published in 2021, found that 90% of chiropractic students were in practice within six months of graduation and the remaining 10% were in employment within one year of graduation*. The survey also indicated that a potential monthly income of registered chiropractors is up to HK\$300,000[^], while their monthly income starts at around HK\$30,000.

Growing Demand for Chiropractic Care

Chiropractors advocate treatments for a wide range of conditions to relieve pain without injections, surgery or medication, and this is gaining increasing support from patients.

According to the Chiropractors Council, there are only about 300 registered chiropractors in Hong Kong, including those who do not practice in Hong Kong. The *2021 Hong Kong Chiropractic Survey: Analysis of the Data* points out that the average number of patients treated by Hong Kong chiropractors is higher than that of those practicing overseas[#], indicating that there is a great demand for chiropractors in Hong Kong and an increasing demand for chiropractic care.

About the College

Established in 1972, McTimoney College of Chiropractic is one of the oldest chiropractic colleges in the UK and has been graduating chiropractors for over 50 years. McTimoney College of Chiropractic is part of the College of Health and is validated by



Professor Christina Cunliffe, Principal, McTimoney Chiropractic College

Ulster University, a prestigious public University in the UK. It delivers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate chiropractic programs, and in Hong Kong offers its four-year Master of Chiropractic program (MChiro).

In addition to being a recognized training center, McTimoney College of Chiropractic runs a chiropractic clinic open to the public and receives local patients.

This arrangement gives students the opportunity to work on real cases and even treat patients under the supervision of their professors to gain extensive clinical experience.

Enrolment is now open. For details, please refer to Universal College of Higher Education (UCHE) website www.uche.edu.hk

*Quoted from P.6, Leung K, Chu ECP. 2021 Hong Kong Chiropractic Survey: Analysis of Data. *Asia-Pac Chiropr J.* 2021;2.3.

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