



## **Unitec Student applying for the Trainee Osteopathic Scope of Practice**

### **1. Introduction**

Registered trainee osteopaths are primary healthcare practitioners who are enrolled in the prescribed qualification for the General Osteopathic Scope of Practice (the Unitec Institute of Technology Master of Osteopathy course or an overseas course deemed by Council to be substantively the equivalent in order to permit student electives).

The trainee osteopath will have submitted the final draft of the thesis for the purpose of marking. All other components of the required course will be completed to a satisfactory level. The council sees that this final marking stage of the thesis, and the time that this takes, should not prevent practice of the student. The student will need to be working within a group practice to ensure peer support and is required to practice within the General Osteopathic Scope of Practice and comply with all related codes and practice standards.

If it is longer than 6 months since you completed the clinical elements of your MOst degree, you may be required to undertake a further supervised clinical course in order to satisfy Council that you have current clinical competency. Each case will be considered individually.

The period of time that a trainee osteopath can practice under this scope of practice will normally be limited to 6 months, but may be extended at Council's discretion.

### **2. Requirements**

**2.1** Enrolled in the Master of Osteopathy course at Unitec Institute of Technology.

**2.2** Have successfully completed the following units in the course –

- 2.2.1** HEAL 8302 Clinical Science 1
- 2.2.2** HEAL 8303 Clinical Science 2
- 2.2.3** HEAL 8306 Clinical Practicum 1
- 2.2.4** HEAL 8308 Patient Management & Clinical Reasoning 1
- 2.2.5** HEAL 8305 Integrated Osteopathic Practice
- 2.2.6** HEAL 8307 Clinical Practicum 2
- 2.2.7** HEAL 8309 Patient Management & Clinical Reasoning 2
- 2.2.8** HEAL 8310 Professional Practice

**2.3** Have submitted the research thesis component for the course

**2.4** Demonstrate they will be working in a group practice to ensure peer support

- 2.5 Points 2.1 – 2.3 must be supported by a signed letter from the head of school confirming that you have meet the requirements.
- 2.6 A letter from the prospective employer indicating that you will be working in a group practice.

### 3. The Process

- 3.1 Make an application for <sup>1</sup>registration by completing the registration form on the Council's website – [Registration form](#)
- 3.2 Complete the application for a <sup>2</sup>practising certificate on the Council's website – [practising certificate form](#)
- 3.3 Complete the consent for disclosure form on Council's website – [consent for disclosure](#)
- 3.4 Signed letter on headed paper from Head of school at Unitec.
- 3.5 Signed letter on headed paper from employer
- 3.6 Following successful registration in the scope of practice trainee osteopath you will be issued with a practising certificate. The practising certificate will state that your scope of practice is **trainee osteopath** and be valid for 6 months.
- 3.7 Once you have completed the Masters programme, by being awarded the qualification (Master thesis passed) your scope of practice will change to the general scope of practice and you will need to apply for a new practising certificate reflecting the change in scope. The cost of this practising certificate will be dependent on the date of you being awarded the Masters qualification.

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<sup>1</sup> Registration is a once only activity – like registering your car for the first time.

<sup>2</sup> Practising certificate is an annual event – like a WOF for your car.