

## **Vocational Scopes of Practice**

The purpose of a vocational scope is to allow members of the public / referring healthcare professionals to identify osteopaths on the register with advanced standing in a sub-domain of practice. Council recognises that there is a continuum of skill and expertise acceptable in the area of practice and it is explicit that the pre-professional training / registration in the General Osteopathic Scope of Practice gives the registrant adequate skills to be competent but that mastery of a particular area of practice may develop over time and with further study. The vocational scopes allow post-graduate study combined with clinical experience to be reflected on the register. Patients and referring healthcare professionals will be able to identify registrants who are well suited to meet the particular healthcare needs of patients.

### **Gerontology**

Under section 12 of the Act, the Council has prescribed the following qualifications for registration in the Gerontology Scope of Practice.

All applicants must:

(1) be registered in the General Osteopathic Scope of Practice

**and**

(2) hold one of the following qualifications:

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Older Adult: Health and Wellness, Auckland University of Technology or other courses of study at New Zealand tertiary institutions deemed by Council to be of similar standard and content.

**or** (in addition to paragraph (1) above)

In accordance with section 15(2) of the Act, satisfy the Council that they hold an overseas qualification that is, in the opinion of the Council, equivalent to, or as satisfactory as, one of the qualifications prescribed in paragraph (2) above. If necessary in the opinion of the Council, the applicant will be required to complete further training in gerontology.

### **Pain Management**

Under section 12 of the Act, the Council has prescribed the following qualifications for registration in the Pain Management Scope of Practice.

All applicants must:

(1) be registered in the General Osteopathic Scope of Practice

**and**

(2) hold one of the following qualifications:

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science endorsed in Pain & Pain Management, Department of Musculoskeletal Medicine, Otago University (Christchurch), or other courses of study at New Zealand tertiary institutions deemed by Council to be of similar standard and content.

**or** (in addition to paragraph (1) above)

In accordance with section 15(2) of the Act, satisfy the Council that they hold an overseas qualification that is, in the opinion of the Council, equivalent to, or as satisfactory as, one of the qualifications prescribed in paragraph (2) above. If necessary in the opinion of the Council, the applicant will be required to complete further training in pain management.

### **Child and Adolescent Health**

Under section 12 of the Act, the Council has prescribed the following qualification for registration in the vocational scope of practice of Child and Adolescent Health:

Osteopaths who are registered in the vocational scope of practice in Child and Adolescent Health have obtained qualifications, in addition to their general osteopath qualification, that focus on the osteopathic treatment of 0–18 year olds.

Applicants for registration in the vocational scope of practice in child and adolescent health must:

(1) be registered in the General Osteopathic scope of practice;

**and**

(2) hold a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Child Health awarded by Auckland University of Technology.

**or** (in addition to paragraph (1) above)

In accordance with section 15(2) of the Act, satisfy the Council that they hold an overseas qualification that is, in the opinion of the Council, equivalent to, or as satisfactory as, one of the qualifications prescribed in paragraph (2) above. If necessary in the opinion of the Council, the applicant will be required to complete further training in Child and Adolescent Health.