

Scope of Practice: Trainee Osteopath

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.

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.

Pursuant to section 12 of the Act, the Council has prescribed the following qualifications for registration in the Scope of Practice – Trainee Osteopath.

All applicants must:

(1) be enrolled in the Unitec Institute of Technology Master of Osteopathy course

and

(2) have successfully completed the following units in that course of study:

HEAL 8312 Clinical Science

HEAL 8308 Patient Management & Clinical Reasoning 1

HEAL 8309 Patient Management & Clinical Reasoning 2

HEAL 8310 Professional Practice

HEAL 8313 Clinical Osteopathy 1

HEAL 8314 Clinical Osteopathy 2

and

(3) have submitted the research thesis component in that course of study.

Please note:

If you submit your thesis after six months following completion of the programme, you may be required to undertake a course of study. Council will consider issues of recency of practice on a case-by-case basis. It is recommended you contact the Registrar to discuss your options.