Theoretical Concepts of Western Acupuncture
(COMT802) 15 points

Pathways, programmes/specialisations the paper is attached to
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science, Master of Health Science, Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science, Master of Health Practice in the Acupuncture specialisation area.

Am I eligible to enrol in this paper?
The paper is for registered health professionals who will normally have completed the requirements of one of the following in a relevant field from a New Zealand tertiary institution or equivalent:
• A bachelor’s degree
• Professional qualification recognised by the university as being equivalent to a bachelor’s degree
• Evidence of professional experience deemed by the university to be equivalent to a bachelor’s degree
Where entry qualifications do not meet the criteria for study at postgraduate level, completion of transitional studies may be required before the applicant is admitted to the programme.

What is this paper about?
Explores and validates knowledge in Western Acupuncture by the critical review of current research literature, research methodology and practice.

What can I expect to learn?
• Introduction to acupuncture paradigms
• History of acupuncture, including contexts of social, political and differing acupuncture paradigms and influencing factors
• Emergence of Western acupuncture
• Evidence-based medicine
• Use of methodological tools in assessing therapy and acupuncture based research literature
• Research and acupuncture. Inherent problems using the randomised controlled trial

How is this paper taught?
Location: On campus at North Campus, AUT (if attending the optional on-campus day)
Teaching Period(s): Semester 1
Online: Yes, plus one optional (recommended) on-campus day
Block Course: Optional (1-days)

How will I be assessed?
1. Online discussion 5000 words
2. Written assignment 2500 words

Who will be teaching me?
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