



AECC University College

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AECC University College Appoints Professor Lesley Haig as Principal

Higher Education Institution, AECC University College, specialists in Health Sciences, have today announced the appointment of Professor Lesley Haig D.PT, MSc, Grad Dip Phys, SFHEA, as its next Principal.

Professor Haig is currently Head of Department of Allied Health Sciences at London South Bank University, where she established a successful undergraduate chiropractic programme. Professor Haig is also Lead Allied Health Professional responsible for the leadership and development of health science undergraduate, postgraduate and research provision.

Speaking of her appointment, Professor Haig said: "It is a real privilege to be joining AECC University College as Principal at this important time in its history and following its considerable success in recent years."

"The University College is highly regarded in the sector as a specialist HEI and a pioneer of chiropractic education and research."

"I look forward to working with the AECC University College community and its partners locally, nationally and internationally to develop the breadth and depth of its health sciences offer, and to enhance its reputation as a centre of excellence in patient-centred musculoskeletal health, wellbeing and performance."

Professor Haig holds a number of positions such as Vice-Chair of the London and South East Placement Partnership Group for Allied Health, Personal Chair in Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation, is Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and is also a member of NHS England's London and Regional Advisory Group for Allied Health Professions. She has recently been offered a Visiting Professorship at Beijing Sport University.

With her international links in the United States, China, Singapore, Malaysia and Egypt, Professor Haig is well established in the global health sector and within higher education.

Chair of AECC University College's Board of Governors, Mr Adrian Wild commented: "We are delighted to have found in Lesley someone with the experience, vision and commitment to lead AECC University College as it continues to develop its range of health science courses, whilst expanding and enhancing its chiropractic and diagnostic imaging educational provision and clinical services."

Professor Haig will succeed Professor Haymo Thiel who retires in December, after a career spanning 27 years with AECC University College.

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Image: Professor Lesley Haigh, D.PT, MSc, Grad Dip Phys, SFHEA

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Professor Lesley Haig D.PT, MSc, Grad Dip Phys, SFHEA

Professor Lesley Haig is currently Head of Department of Allied Health Sciences at London South Bank University. She is Vice-Chancellor of the London and South East Placement Partnership Group for Allied Health, Personal Chair in Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation, is Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and is also a member of NHS England's London and Regional Advisory Group for Allied Health Professions.

Professor Haig holds a Graduate Diploma in Physiotherapy from St Thomas' Hospital School of Physiotherapy (1990), an MSc in Physiotherapy from the University of East London (1994), and a Doctorate in Physiotherapy from London South Bank University (2018). Through her career, Professor Haig has worked in a number of roles as a researcher and practitioner, in both the NHS and private practice, as well as academic positions such as Senior Lecturer, Programme Director and Academic Director in Higher Education.

She also led the first MSc in Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation in the UK, and most recently launched a successful chiropractic undergraduate programme at London South Bank University.

AECC University College

Based in Bournemouth, AECC University College is a highly esteemed pioneer in health sciences, dedicated to excellence in education, clinical training and research.

The University College provides specialist study at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, with state-of-the-art facilities, high quality teaching and a regarded level of professionalism. With over 50% of students coming from outside of the UK, the single-campus is a thriving, supportive and inclusive community, constantly at the forefront of engaging with communities, collaborating with a number of partner organisations, businesses and other universities.

AECC University College's facilities include the on-site Chiropractic Clinic, School of Medical Ultrasound with specialist imaging services, and the Bournemouth Open Upright MRI facility. Alumni, research and collaborations span many countries and continents which gives emphasis to AECC University College's reputation as leaders in their specialist areas.

The University College has a history of innovation and is the sum of all its students, staff and alumni who have shaped and are shaping the fields of health sciences.

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