

# Western Acupuncture

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## Paper overview

The Western Acupuncture paper involves the safe and effective practice of acupuncture needling using Western medical clinical reasoning to support acupuncture treatment. The neurophysiological mechanisms involved when applying acupuncture are evaluated, thus expanding your clinical reasoning skills.

## Programme study options

This paper is available from the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences in the rehabilitation specialisation area.

## Who can study 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 bachelors degree
- Professional qualification recognised by the university as being equivalent to a bachelors degree
- Evidence of professional experience deemed by the university to be equivalent to a bachelors 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 you can expect to learn?

This paper covers the following topics:

- Western scientific clinical reasoning
- Neuroanatomy and neuroscience pertaining to Western acupuncture
- Scientific basis and efficacy of Western acupuncture
- Clinical reasoning decision-making in assessment and treatment.
- Acupuncture meridians, acupuncture points and extra points based on anatomical relationships, palpation, WHO numbering and Chinese measurement systems
- Practical needling techniques
- Acupuncture-related precautions, complications, hazards
- Advanced Western acupuncture skills such as trigger point, scar, auricular, scalp needling, as well as the use of Indwelling needles, and electroacupuncture
- Basic Chinese acupuncture theories
- Integration of Western acupuncture into their existing health professional practice.

## What you need to study this paper?

To study this paper it is essential that you have a computer, internet (broadband preferred), email access and access to a clinical practice setting.

## Paper Coordinator: Susan Kohut, MSc, Dip Pty, Reg Phys Acup

Both papers are run by Susan Kohut with support from Peter Larmer. Input from several expert clinicians with advanced acupuncture knowledge is included. Susan is a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences at AUT University. Peter Larmer is Head of Physiotherapy at AUT University. They are both physiotherapists, each having over 20 years of acupuncture experience.

## Dates and location details

<b>Location:</b>	On campus at Akoranga Campus, AUT University
<b>Teaching Period(s):</b>	Full year (27 February – 9 November 2012)
<b>Online:</b>	No
<b>Block Course:</b>	Yes

## How will the paper be taught?

Academic and clinical experts will facilitate the delivery of the teaching process in block modules. Students will be involved in the preparation and delivery of learning. These will include power point presentations, classroom discussions, case study presentations, group work and demonstration. In addition, nominated experienced clinicians acting as mentors and/or assessors will facilitate individual knowledge and practical skills.



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