



2024 Part 1 Course Assessments

This Course has 3 assessments. Each assessment is to be undertaken by each student individually and is described in more detail below.

	Assessment Name	Due Date	Formative, Summative or Barrier	Weighting	Related Modules
1	Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific Evidence Assignment – due 25/03/2024 Neurophysiology Assignment – due 02/04/2024 Label the Acupoints Assignment – due 15/04/2024 Chronic MSK Pain Mini Audit – due 01/05/2024 Safety in Acupuncture Assignments – due 13/05/2024 Laser Assignment – due 08/07/2024 Basic TCM Principles Assignment – due 22/07/2024 Clinical Cases Assignment - due 05/08/2024 	 Summative and Barrier	 20%	3 4a 4b 2 3 5 8 6 9
2	Written Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-Year Exam – Saturday morning of the 2nd FTF workshop (1 June VIC; 8 June QLD, WA; 15 June NSW; 22 June SA*) SA date to be confirmed. 	Summative and Barrier	20%	2,5
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year Exam – Saturday 26/10/2024 	Summative and Barrier	60%	2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
3	Clinical Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentoring Points Checklist – due before Clinical Exam (see below) 	Formative and Barrier	Non-completion leads to ineligibility to sit Clinical Exam	10
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentoring Cases Log – due before Clinical Exam (see below) 	Formative and Barrier		10
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Exam – Saturday 28/09/2024 	Summative and Barrier		Pass/Fail



Assessment 1 – Assignments (x8)

Assessment Type	Written assignments
Purpose	To ensure students get the most out of the online lectures and the associated recommended readings
Description	Short answer questions and clinical case write-ups.
Weighting	<p>The total mark for Assessment 1 is worth 20% of the final mark for the Course.</p> <p>Each assignment counts toward the total mark for Assessment 1, which is calculated from the average of the marks achieved in all 7 assignments.</p> <p>Non-submission of any assignment leads to ineligibility to progress in the course.</p>
Due Date	<p>Scientific Evidence – 25/03/2024</p> <p>Neurophysiology – 02/04/2024</p> <p>Label the Acupoints – 15/04/2024</p> <p>Chronic MSK Pain Mini Audit – 01/05/2024</p> <p>Safety in Acupuncture – 13/05/2024</p> <p>Laser – 08/07/2024</p> <p>Basic TCM Principles – 22/07/2024</p> <p>Clinical Cases – 05/08/2024</p>
Submission Method	Online via LMS
Assessment Criteria	Students are to complete each assignment on their own.
Return Method	Online
Feedback Provided	Online
Late Submissions	<p>Assignments submitted late will incur a late penalty.</p> <p>The mark for an assignment submitted after 2300hrs on the due date, without an approved extension of time, will be reduced by 10% of the possible maximum mark for that assignment for each day or part day that the assessment item is late. Note: this applies equally to week and weekend days and public holidays.</p> <p>The pass mark for each assignment is 60%, except for the Safety in Acupuncture assignment which has a pass mark of 85%. Students who do not pass an assignment will be provided an extra 7 days (inclusive of weekend days and public holidays) in which to resubmit their assignment. Resubmitted assignment will be granted a minimal pass (60%) provided that the raw mark is 60% or above.</p>



Assessment 1 – Assignments (x8) (cont.)

The assignment model answers will be available 7 days after the due date for each assignment. The assignment model answers will be provided to each student on their final submission of the assignment.

Assessment 2 – Written Assessments

Assessment Type	Two tests: one mid-year and one at the end of year
Purpose	To test knowledge of the material covered in webinars, workshops, and recommended readings.
Description	Two written exams, each a mixture of MCQs and short answer questions.
Weighting	<p>The Mid-Year Exam is worth 20% of the final mark, and the end of year Written Exam is worth 60% of the final mark.</p> <p>The student must pass each question in the end of year Written Exam to pass the exam. Students who do not score 60% or greater in <i>any</i> question will be offered a supplementary exam. Students who fail to score 60% or greater in more than half the questions in the final exam will be offered a supplementary exam covering all questions in the original exam. Students who do not pass up to half of the questions in the exam will be offered a supplementary exam consisting of those questions in which they scored below 60%.</p>
Due Date	<p>Mid-Year Exam - Saturday morning of the 2nd FTF workshop in June 2024 (1 June VIC; 8 June QLD and WA; 15 June NSW; 22 June SA*)</p> <p>*SA date to be confirmed.</p> <p>End of Year Exam – Saturday, 26/10/2024</p>
Submission Method	Submitted to onsite invigilator.
Assessment Criteria	Timed, closed book, invigilated written exams.
Return Method	Not returned.
Feedback Provided	<p>Online feedback for Mid-Year Exam.</p> <p>No feedback for the End of Year Exam.</p>



Assessment 3 – Clinical Assessments

Assessment Type	Points Checklist, Logbook of Cases, and a Clinical Exam.
Purpose	<p>To ensure students develop medical acupuncture skills and can demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• clinical history taking in medical acupuncture.• clinical examination in medical acupuncture• skills in diagnosis, formulation of treatment plan, and the selection of appropriate acupuncture points and modalities for a given clinical case.
Description	<p>Keep a checklist of acupuncture points which have been accurately and safely needled by the student under observation from a mentor or teacher and keep a logbook of a minimum of 10 cases (own or mentor's) where acupuncture treatment was provided.</p> <p>The Clinical Exam entails a short case of a musculoskeletal problem where the student is expected to take a relevant history, perform a relevant physical examination, arrive at a medical diagnosis and a TCM diagnosis where applicable, formulate treatment goals, and a management plan including acupuncture treatment.</p>
Weighting	<p>The checklist and logbook are barrier assessments – each must be completed satisfactorily to progress to the Clinical Exam.</p> <p>On completion of mentorship, students must have been observed to correctly needle <i>all</i> the points in red on the Mentoring Points Checklist. These are commonly used points which have safety issues in needling. Satisfactory completion of the checklist entails observation of students correctly locating and needling ALL the red points, and a minimum of 50% of the other points on the list. Students must be observed to accurately <i>locate</i> every point on the checklist.</p> <p>The Clinical Exam is both a summative (Pass/Fail) and barrier assessment – students must Pass this assessment (in addition to passing the written assessments) to pass the Part 1 Course.</p>
Due Date	<p>Points Checklist and Logbook of Cases must be completed by 2300hrs on 14 September 2024.</p> <p>The Clinical Exam will be held on Saturday 28 September 2024.</p>



Important Note:

Each assessment is a barrier assessment. That is, students must pass each assessment to progress in the course and graduate.

Grading Scheme

This course is graded as follows:

Range of Marks	Grade	Description
90-100	High Distinction	Outstanding standard indicating comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of mastery of skills; and achievement of all learning outcomes.
80-89	Distinction	Excellent standard indicating a very high level of knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of sound development of skills; and achievement of all learning outcomes.
70-79	Credit	Good standard indicating a high level of knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of reasonable development of skills; and achievement of all learning outcomes.
60-69	Pass	Satisfactory standard indicating an adequate knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of satisfactory development of skills; and achievement of all learning outcomes.
0-59	Fail	Failure to satisfactorily achieve learning outcomes. If all compulsory course components are not completed the mark will be zero.