

## **COLLEGE OF INTEGRATED CHINESE MEDICINE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WHOSE FIRST LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH**

If you need to have an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) certificate you will have been notified of this when you were accepted onto the course. In this case the following information applies to you.

- You will need to have achieved Band 6.5 (Academic) or above before you start the course

This is regarded by Health Sciences University as the minimum standard required to undertake a degree course and the British Acupuncture Council will not accept you as a member unless you have IELTS Band 6.5 or above.

- You are responsible for arranging to sit your IELTS test. Information on how to do this is available on the IELTS website: [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)
- Health Sciences University does **NOT** allow any extra time in exams because of language difficulties.
- There are various forms of support available to you if English is not your first language:
- There are courses in English language and writing skills available at local adult and community education centres. You will need to contact them direct to find out about joining a course.
- The College offers two optional taught study skills sessions in the first year which includes help with tackling coursework. These are aimed at all students needing help with study skills.
- You will be assigned a personal tutor who will support you through the course with one-to-one tutorials and email contact.
- The following books may be of use to you during your studies:

IELTS Preparation and Practice: Listening and Speaking by Sahanaya and Lindeck  
IELTS Preparation and Practice: Reading and Writing – Academic Module by Sahanaya et al.  
Study Skills for Speakers of English as a Second Language by Lewis and Reinders  
Study Listening: A course in Listening to Lectures and Note Taking by Lynch