Re. An important update for you about your Health Science course

Dear Chinese Medicine Students,

There are important changes occurring to some of the Health Science courses currently offered by Southern School of Natural Therapies (SSNT) in Melbourne, that exist under the qualification provider THINK Education.

The main update is that Torrens University Australia (TUA), which is also part of the Laureate International Universities network in Australia, will soon launch a new Health Science program for Chinese Medicine. This will be delivered at our SSNT college in Melbourne with TUA as the provider.

This means that the THINK Chinese Medicine course will be going into teach out, so we won’t be taking any further enrolments into the THINK program. However please be assured that there are no changes to your current enrolment. It is business as usual for now, and your current progression through the program will be unaffected.

Introducing the new courses:
- Diploma of Health Science - Torrens University Australia.
  - The new TUA Diploma of Health Science will replace the current THINK Diploma and includes Chinese Medicine specialised subjects to align with the first year of the Torrens degree program. New students joining SSNT Chinese Medicine in 2020 will now be entering via the diploma pathway, with the new bachelor program planned to launch in early 2021.

- Bachelor of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) – Torrens University Australia.
  - The new TUA Bachelor of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) will replace the current THINK Bachelor of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) for new students from T1, 2021.

What does this mean for me?
Basically, it means no change for current students’ study. Your current enrolment will continue as usual and your progression through the degree will be unaffected by these changes for now.

The course you are currently enrolled in will continue to be delivered until the end of 2021. For many of you, this will allow sufficient time for you to be able to successfully complete your degree. If you are studying part-time or in a position that you won’t be finished your studies by the end of 2021, then we will be in contact with you to explain the pathway options that will be open to you to ensure you are able to successfully complete your qualification.

Will this impact on my Trimester 1 enrolment?
No. You are able to keep enrolling and studying in your current program. All timetabled subjects are running as usual and as required by those students who need to compete the subject as per the course structure and recommended progression through the course.
Can I choose transfer from Think to Torrens?
The TUA Bachelor of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) will not be launching until 2021, and therefore is not available for transfer into at this stage.

The CMBA will publish new education standards for Chinese Medicine this year, and we are revising our degree program to ensure it aligns with these standards. This will ensure that students graduate to these latest standards. We plan to launch this new program in early 2021 with Torrens. In light of our reputation and strong history of successful accreditation with the CMBA, we are confident that this will result in a favourable outcome. We will work closely with the CMBA to ensure our program meets their requirements and is of the highest standards and look confidently ahead for the bright future of Chinese Medicine as we launch a new degree in the University sector.

While the new Torrens program is pending accreditation, we will not be accepting transfers from the Think program, which remains fully accredited.

As always, we are here to support you every step of the way and will continue to update you with further details.

At this stage there is no action required from you, however if you’d like to find out more information you can check out some Frequently Asked Questions that will soon be on your student hub, or you can also join in the upcoming online session to ask any questions.

Online Chinese Medicine Q&A
Thursday 30th January at 3.30pm (use this zoom ink https://zoom.us/j/2225608722 / Dial: +61 (0) 2 8015 2088 Meeting ID: 608 557 2038)

Kind regards,

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