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Kia ora Susan and Peter,

As you're no doubt aware, Ara Institute of Technology (in Christchurch) started a pathway into a Postgraduate Diploma in Osteopathy this year, with the first entry cohort into the postgraduate qualification in 2020. We have also had conversation with you about AUT's intention to begin developing a 4-year degree in Osteopathy, with the intention to begin delivery in 2020.

Given the size and potential of the Auckland market, rather than competing directly with AUT, Unitec has decided to begin a slow exit of Osteopathy and will be taking no new enrolments to our Bachelor programme from 2019.

In making this decision, our primary commitment was that there would be no impact on the quality of the qualification and experience for current students, nor on the reputation of our qualification for those who have studied with us in the past. We will continue to deliver the programme to all current students, so that those who started with us this year will be able to complete their Unitec qualification, including their Masters, at the end of 2022.

We look forward to continuing to work together to manage our exit carefully over the next few years so that all of our students, past and present, continue to value their Unitec qualification. As well as ensure our staff are well supported within the profession and as academics.

We will be in touch soon to discuss further details about the next steps for collaboration.

Please be in contact if you would like to discuss this further.

Ngā mihi,



Katie Bruffy, PhD  
Head of Community Development