

Doctor of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (DAcHM)
Curriculum by Departments

Department of Theoretical Foundations

T101	Chinese Medical Terminology	2	30
T102	Oriental Medicine I	3	45
T103	Oriental Medicine II	3	45
T104	History of Chinese Medicine	2	30
T105	Clinical Ethics and Safety	2	30
T201	Patterns of Disease I	3	45
T202	Patterns of Disease II	3	45
T203	Medical Qi Gong	2	30
T204	Case Management	2	30
T301	Internal OM I	3	45
T302	Internal OM II	3	45
T401	Internal OM III	3	45
T402	Internal OM IV	3	45
T403	Classics of Oriental Medicine	3	45
T404	Practice Management	3	45
T500	East-West Research II	2	30
T510	Professional Development	1	15
Total		43	645

Department of Acupuncture

A100	Introductory Acupuncture	2	30
A101	Acu-Points I	3	45
A102	Acu-Points II	3	45
A201	Acu-Points III	3	45
A202	Acu-Points IV	3	45
A203	Techniques of Acu-Moxa	2	30
A301	Acupuncture Microsystems	2	30
A302	Tui Na	3	45
A303	Acupuncture Orthopedics	3	45
A401	Advanced Techniques	2	30
A402	Advanced Point Combination	2	30
Total		28	420

Department of Biomedicine

B101	History & Philosophy Medicine	1	15
B102	Western Medical Terminology	1	15
B105	Physics	2	30
B106	Functional Anatomy/Kinesiology	3	45
B110	Research Literacy	1	15
B201	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	45
B202	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	45
B203	Clinical Psychology	3	45
B302	Physical Examination	2	30
B303	Pharmacology	3	45
B304	Western Nutrition	2	30
B401	Survey of Clinical Practices	1	15
B402	East-West Research	2	30
B403	Patho physiology I	3	45
B404	Patho physiology II	3	45
B405	Patho physiology III	3	45
B500	Diagnostic Testing	3	45
Total		39	585

Department of Chinese Herbal Medicine

H101	Introductory Herbology	3	45
H102	Materia Medica I	3	45
H201	Materia Medica II	3	45
H202	Materia Medica III	3	45
H301	Dui Yao	3	45
H302	Chinese Dietary Therapy	2	30
H303	Herbal Formulas I	3	45
H401	Herbal Formulas II	3	45
H402	Herbal Formulas III	3	45
H403	Shang Han Lun	2	30
H404	Wen Bing	2	30
H405	Advanced Herbal Prescribing	3	45
H406	Clinical Pearls (Case Studies)	2	30
Total		35	525

Department of Clinical Medicine

C101	Clinical Theater	3	90
C102	Practitioner Observation	1	30
C103	Intern Observation	2	60
C201	Clinic Level I-Internship	9	270
C301	Clinic Level II-Internship	9	270
C401	Clinic Level III-Internship	9	270
C405	Clinical Externship	3	90
C500	Collaborative Care	2	60
Total		38	1140

Pre-requisites/Co-requisites

B103	Biology	3	45
B104	Chemistry	3	45
B107	General Psychology	3	45

Elective Courses (Optional)

Fundamentals of Bodyworks	7	105
Special Populations	2	30
Foot Reflexology	2	30
Trigger Points & Myofascial Release	3	45
Hawaiian Lomi Lomi	2	30
Sports Bodyworks	2	30
Shiatsu	1	15
Clinical Bodyworks	3	90

PROGRAM TOTALS:

Didactic 154 credits / 2310 hours

Clinical 38 credits / 1140 hours

DAcHM degree program with a specialization in Chinese Herbal Medicine

GRAND TOTAL: 192 CREDITS / 3450 HOURS

The Doctor of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine Degree Program

The Doctoral Program is an evolution of the Master's Degree curriculum with an emphasis on advanced clinical competencies together with Chinese Herbal Medicine. The DAChM degree program totals 3,450 hours (192 credits) of standards in integrative and collaborative healthcare case management, evidence-informed practices, biomedical diagnosis, acupuncture therapeutics, and Chinese herbal medicine. To foster critical thinking while enhancing professional development, advanced courses on East-West Research, Diagnostic Testing and Collaborative Care were added to strengthen the curriculum.

Students will have opportunities to treat patients at a hospital setting clinic. The advanced competencies are designed to equip our doctoral students to effectively communicate with patients, other health care providers, and the community about the safety, efficacy, and principles of AOM, including both classical theories and modern research. Furthermore, the DAChM program will provide advanced training on causes and manifestations of disease according to both Chinese and Western medicine.

The DAChM program will critically assess the methodology and conclusions of quantitative and qualitative research. Doctoral students will participate in a healthcare system that is multidisciplinary and collaborate in a team-based approach across all healthcare disciplines. Training will include identifying conditions requiring referral for emergency medical care, biomedical consultation and diagnostic testing, long-term case management, or the services of other health care providers.

Public Notice

Institute of Clinical Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and its following programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (ACAHM):

- (1) Master of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine
- (2) Doctor of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine
 - including a Doctor of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine degree completion track

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