Alhambra Medical University
Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

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Foreword

Alhambra Medical University (AMU), located in the San Gabriel Valley of Southern California, is a private high education institution and closely associated with six hospitals in the area.

The Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MSAOM) program started its very first class in spring of 2005. It has grown substantially since and has received approvals with confidence from California Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE) and California Acupuncture Board in early 2007. In February 2011, Alhambra Medical University became a candidate for accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), which is the recognized accrediting agency for freestanding institutions and colleges of acupuncture or Oriental medicine. This is attributed to the strong leadership with clear vision and a committed faculty and staff.

AMU's programs are grounded in a practical approach to the training of holistic and integrative healthcare providers. Our goal is to educate and train future healthcare providers so they can go on to make valuable contributions to the U.S. healthcare system. This is especially important now for many reasons, including helping to serve our aging and continually growing population. AMU is committed to preparing our students to attain the knowledge and skills necessary to practice and conduct research and be leaders in the field. AMU is preparing to enter into research with major universities in California, and alliances with a host of other organizations. We strongly believe that we must all work together for the betterment of our community, our world, and ourselves.


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Mission

Alhambra Medical University's mission is

To provide the highest quality education available in acupuncture and Oriental medicine in a progressive learning environment.

To provide the community with a highly competent and readily available source for complementary and alternative healthcare.

To foster and enhance mutual understanding and the ability to communicate with other healthcare professionals.

To assist acupuncture and Oriental medicine professionals to achieve their appropriate place within mainstream healthcare.

Institutional Goals

To educate and train students of acupuncture and Oriental medicine to competently enter the mainstream healthcare system as primary healthcare providers.

To teach the theory and practice of Oriental medicine while simultaneously developing critical thinking and problem solving.

To provide students with both the historical context and modern application of Oriental medicine.

To develop an open academic environment and support the cultural diversity of our students.

To simultaneously provide quality care in acupuncture and Oriental medicine to the community and a rich clinical experience for our students.

To foster communication between practitioners of Oriental medicine and Western medicine.

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MSAOM

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE DEGREE

Educational Objectives

Alhambra Medical University has established a series of measurable competencies or qualities as school's educational objectives. These objectives are consistent with the institutional mission and goals, giving general guidance for the development of the curriculum. Graduates of AMU will:

- practice Oriental medicine competently by assessing patients skillfully, making accurate diagnosis, and performing appropriate treatment using the various modalities of Oriental medicine.
- integrate traditional Oriental medicine and Western medicine in order to provide optimum patient care.
- be capable of critically reading research reports on Oriental medicine and Western medicine.
- provide appropriate recommendations and referrals to patients for maintaining health and preventing disease.
- demonstrate professionalism in communication and demeanor with other healthcare professionals, patients, and the larger community.
- demonstrate an understanding of ethics and the legal environment for the practice of medicine.





About the Program

The MSAOM degree program at AMU is a four academic year program (minimum of 12 quarters). AMU has developed a teaching approach integrating Western science and Acupuncture and Oriental medicine where students acquire skills rather than learn subjects.

Open to those who satisfy the requirements for admission, students in the program are rigorously trained in Acupuncture, Herbology, Acupuncture and Oriental Medical Theory, Western Medicine and Sciences, Tai Ji, Qi Gong, Tui Na, and Practice Management & Ethics.

The Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MSAOM) degree is awarded upon completion of 279 units (3270 hours), which includes 2310 hours of didactic and 960 hours of clinical training.

In addition, students must pass an integrated competency examination before entering the clinical phase of their education as well as level advancement examinations as they progress through their clinical training. A comprehensive exam prior to graduation and an Academic Exit Interview are also required for graduation.

Admissions Requirements

The office of Admission at Alhambra Medical University has implemented the following criteria as prerequisites for admission into the Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine program.

1. The satisfactory completion of 60 semester/90 quarter units (equivalent to approximately two academic years) of education at a baccalaureate level with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.25. This course work must be completed at an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U. S. Department of Education or, in the case of foreign candidates, recognized by the appropriate agency in that country.
2. A completed and signed application form along with the non-refundable application fee. (U.S. citizen/ residents: $100.00; international student: $150.00)
3. Provide Official Transcript(s) from college(s) and/or university(ies) attended. If the transcripts were from a country where English is not the primary language, they must be translated into English and must be sent to a reputable foreign credentials evaluation agency to assist with evaluating equivalent levels of educational achievement in the U.S.
4. Two recommendation letters.
5. A personal essay describing yourself and your interest in Oriental Medicine.
6. Two recent 2″x2″ color headshot photos.
7. Interviewed by a member of Admissions Committee.

For international applicants, in addition to the requirements of 1-7, the following documents must also be submitted:

1. $150.00 non-refundable application fee for extra processing and mailing fee.
2. Financial statement of at least $18,000 to verify the availability of education and living expenses for one year.
3. Copy of Passport. Passport must be good until at least 6 months after the date of entry into the US for the purposes of education at our institution.
4. Applicants currently studying in the United States on F-1 visa must submit a photocopy of I-94 form, I-20 form, visa and passport first page. A Transfer Release Form is required to be completed and sent to AMU by the school where the applicant is transferring from.

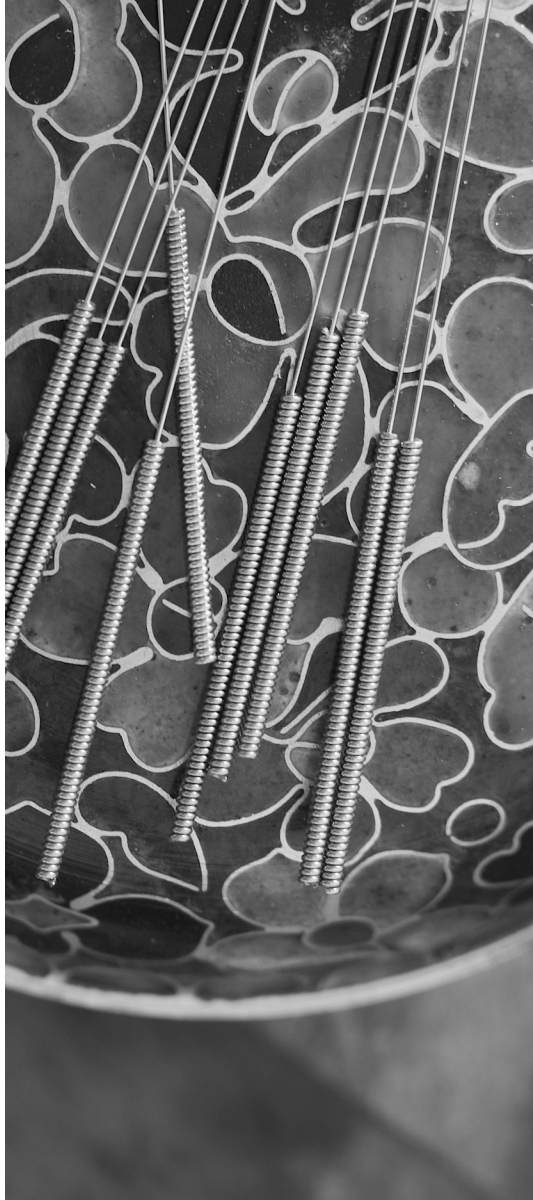
International Students

Alhambra Medical University welcomes students from foreign countries. AMU is authorized by the US Department of Homeland Security to issue I-20's and enroll non-immigrant international students. Specific application procedures do apply.

Languages of Study

The didactic part of the MSAOM program is offered in two language tracks: English and Mandarin Chinese. Clinical training is taught in English only. Students must demonstrate English competency as follows:

- For students applying to the English Track: Students must take TOEFL (Test of English as a foreign language) with at least a score of 500 and TSE (Test of Spoken English) with mean score prior to admission. Students may also choose to take IBT (Internet Based Test) instead.
- For students applying to the Chinese Track: Students must take TOEFL (Test of English as a foreign language) with at least a score of 450 and TSE (Test of Spoken English) with mean score prior to starting of clinic internship. Students may also choose to take IBT (Internet Based Test) instead.
- Students who hold an associate degree or higher earned from the United States or from a foreign university where English is the language of instruction may be exempt from TOEFL.



Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

All students in attendance at Alhambra Medical University must maintain a quarter-to-quarter, as well as cumulative, minimum GPA of 2.0. In addition, students have one and one-half times the length of the normal program in which to complete their studies. For instance, the maximum time frame a student has to complete this four year program is six years (24 quarters).

If a student's quarter or cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 in any specific quarter, they will be placed on Academic Probation the following quarter, allowed only to enroll in six units, and required to attend mandatory academic advising and tutoring. During this time, the Academic Dean will evaluate the student and analyze the reason for the poor performance.

If the student fails to bring their GPA up to a 2.0 within the quarter that they are on academic probation, they will be academically dismissed from the University. Once a student is academically dismissed from the University, they will not be allowed to re-enroll for two quarters. If the student returns to the university, they will only be allowed one quarter to achieve a quarterly GPA of 2.0 or face academic dismissal again. Two academic dismissals will be grounds for permanent non-reentry into the University.

Please note that International Students on an F-1 visa have a specific set of Satisfactory Academic Progress standards.



Code of Student Conduct

The Code of Student Conduct governs the behavior of our student body. The purpose of a published Code of Conduct is to state the specific authority and responsibility of the University in maintaining social discipline, to outline the process for a legitimate grievance, and to establish the procedures to be followed to ensure “due process,” which protects accused students from unfair imposition of penalties and sanctions.

Daily responsibility for good conduct rests with all students, faculty and staff. All members of the University community are expected to use reasonable judgment in their daily campus life and to show due concern for the welfare and rights of others.

The following misconduct would constitute violations of our community values and standards:

- Violations of published University policies, rules or regulations.
- Violations of federal, state or local law, including but not limited to, conduct on University premises or at University sponsored or supervised activities.
- Use, possession, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages, drugs, drug paraphernalia, narcotics or other controlled substances.
- Smoking in any interior area of the University, including classrooms, labs, restrooms, hallways, or lounge areas is prohibited.
- Endangering, threatening or causing physical harm to any person.
- Attempted or actual theft of University property.
- Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, or other University activities.
- Harassment, whether it be physical, verbal, graphic, or written conduct based on race, sex, color, ethnic or national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, or disability. Also, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other forms of verbal or physical conduct may constitute harassment.
- Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty, including aiding another student in an act of academic dishonesty.

Process for Addressing Student Grievance

Alhambra Medical University creates a Grievance Committee for processing and addressing student grievances. The following implementing procedures are delineated for students to observe:

All students are encouraged to resolve difficulties by direct discussion with parties involved. If resolution is not achieved by direct communication, contact a member of Student Services. If resolution is still not forthcoming then grievance(s) can be handled through the following steps:

- An appointment may be scheduled with the Academic Dean of the University and the grievance can be discussed. Any necessary parties may be called into this meeting. A written report will be kept in the student file.
- If the Academic Dean's decision is not satisfactory to the parties involved, a meeting of the Grievance Committee can be requested. The Grievance Committee consists of one member of faculty, one member of the administration and one student representative. A request must be made in writing and filed with the Student Services Director. The Director will schedule a meeting of the Grievance Committee within two weeks after the written request has been received. The person(s) filing the grievance may be requested to appear before the Grievance Committee. A decision will be rendered within seven days of the Grievance Committee meeting.
- When no satisfactory resolution is achieved, a complaint can be filed with the School's President. Or, if necessary, contact Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, at 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95833, www.bppe.ca.gov, toll-free telephone number *888)370-7589 or by fax (916)263-1897, or contact Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and oriental Medicine (ACAOM) at 14502 Greenview Drive Suite 300B, Laurel, MD 20708, Phone: (301) 313-0855, Fax: (301) 313-0912 email: info@acaom.org



Grade Appeal

If the student is not satisfied with the grade given by the instructor, he/she can initiate in writing a grade appeal to the instructor involved. If the student is not satisfied by the instructor's explanation or action, the grade appeal is presented to the Academic Dean for resolution. The Academic Dean and a committee will render the final decision.

Student Disciplinary Procedures

If any individual in the AMU community has reason to believe a student has engaged in prohibited behavior, that individual may present a written notice to the Academic Dean (AD). The student will be notified as soon as possible by mail or hand-delivered message. The University will begin an investigation of the facts, and the student will have the opportunity to present, in writing or verbally, all pertinent facts and evidence pertaining to the alleged misconduct.

If the AD feels a breach of the Student Code of Conduct has not occurred, the charge will be dismissed, and the student will be notified of the dismissal in writing. A written notice of the dismissal shall be placed in a file pertaining to the incident, and the matter will be considered closed.

If the AD believes there has been a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, an investigation will be conducted. If the violation is deemed to be minor, the AD will arrange an in-person meeting with the student to discuss the charges and propose a suitable sanction or solution, which may include counseling, guidance, or a written reprimand. The AD will deliver the findings in writing to the student. The student will then have ten days in which to appeal the decision in writing to an Academic Team consisting of the Academic Dean, the Clinic Director, and a faculty member of the AD's choosing, who was not involved in the original matter. The appeal will be limited to the following: a) the presentation of new pertinent evidence previously unavailable, b) sanction that is not supported by the evidence, or c) unfair prejudice or bias in the decision.

The Academic Team will hold a meeting within ten days of the student's written notice of appeal. At this meeting, the student may be, but is not obligated to be present, and may be accompanied by an advisor who is part of the AMU community and not legal counsel. The Administrative Team will come to a decision and this decision will be final.

If the alleged misconduct is deemed to be of a more serious nature, a formal hearing may be held by an Administrative Team consisting of the Assistant to the President, the Academic Dean, and a faculty member not involved in the original incident. The following procedures will be followed:

All pertinent documents and evidence will be submitted to the Team, and the student will be notified in writing of the charges, the hearing date, time, and location. The student will have the right and the opportunity to view the evidence in advance of the hearing, and will have ten days in which to respond in writing. At the hearing, the Team will review all materials submitted by the student and the evidence so far gathered.

The Team will deliberate and come to a decision as to the sanction or action to be taken against the student, and will notify the student of such decision in writing within ten days.

The student will have an additional ten days following receipt of the Team's decision in which to present a written appeal via certified mail to the University President. The appeal will be limited to the following: a) the presentation of new pertinent evidence previously unavailable to the Team, b) sanction that is not supported by the evidence, or c) unfair prejudice or bias in the decision.

The President will make a final decision on the matter.



Leave of Absence Policy

A Leave of Absence refers to a specific time period during a student's ongoing program of study when they are not in academic attendance. It does not include non-attendance for a scheduled break in a student's program. AMU does not have to treat an approved Leave of Absence as a withdrawal from the university by the student. A student on an approved Leave of Absence has to complete the coursework he or she began prior to their Leave of Absence.

Only one Leave of Absence may be granted during any twelve (12) month period and cannot exceed more than two quarters. The twelve-month period will begin on the first day of the student's Leave of Absence.
For a Leave of Absence to be approved, the student must do the following:

- Provide a written, signed, and dated request, prior to the time periods the leave is to occur, unless unforeseen circumstances prevent the student from doing so.
- This request must be approved by the Academic Dean and the Registrar.
- Foreign students may apply for limited Leave of Absence as long as Homeland Security rules, regulations, policies and procedures are adhered to. As stated above, a Leave of Absence must be requested prior to the time the student plans to be away from school. In addition,

a Leave of Absence for a foreign student may not be applied for until the student has been in attendance at the University for at least one academic year. If the Leave of Absence is not approved, the student is considered to have ceased attendance at the school.

Students returning from a leave of absence should contact the Academic Dean before registering for classes. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of any policy and/or curriculum changes.
Students who have not attended the University for one year or more, should apply for re-admission. He/she must meet the current entrance requirement.

Re-admission to the University

The Academic Dean must evaluate the student's standing. If more than five years have elapsed, no credit will be allowed for courses previously taken.

Students should contact the Registrar's office for previous financial clearance (no less than 30 days) before the quarter starts. Full acceptance will be send to student, after the student file is complete and clear record from Administrative office.

Transfer Credit

The AMU's Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine program accepts transfer credit towards its professional program that it judges to be equivalent to its requirements for graduation. Students transferring from another program must meet the following AMU requirements:

- A minimum of sixty (60) didactic units and half of the clinic intern hours (480 hours) must be completed in the AMU program as a matriculated student.

- Before transfer credit will be awarded, all official transcripts containing the course work that the prospective student seeks credit for must be received by the Office of Admission. The following guidelines apply:
  1. Only transfer credit for actual coursework successfully completed at a college or university accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or, in the case of foreign institutions, recognized by the appropriate government agency.
  2. For institutions approved by the California Board of Acupuncture, 100% transfer credit may be awarded, provided that the actual coursework to be transferred has been successfully completed and is equivalent to the relevant coursework hours required at AMU.

- For candidates applying from institutions not approved by the California Board of Acupuncture, but are accredited by ACAOM (Accreditation Committee of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine) or from foreign institutions which are evaluated as the equivalent of a regionally accredited college in the U.S., the following guidelines will apply:
  1. Up to 100% transfer credit may be awarded for courses

completed successfully in basic sciences, clinical medicine, case management, practice management, public health, and professional development if the actual number of hours completed is equal or greater than that required by AMU.

2. Up to fifty percent (50%) credit, by transfer or challenge exam, for clinical practice and instruction in acupuncture and Acupuncture and Oriental medicine principles, theories and treatment procedures may be awarded. The actual number of hours completed must be equal to or greater than that required by Alhambra Medical University. At least 50% of the course hours in the above individual subjects must be taken at Alhambra Medical University.

Once received by the Admission Office, these transcripts will be forwarded to the Academic Dean for evaluation. After a careful course by course evaluation of the contents of the Official Transcript(s), a written evaluation will be sent to the student indicating what coursework will be applied as transferable credits against the AMU MSAOM graduation requirement, and the entire record of the evaluation and award of the student's transfer credit will be included in the student's academic file.

A transfer credit evaluation form has been devised to be used in processing a student's request for credit by transfer. The Academic Committee will interview students to determine the equivalency of courses taken at another institution to replace Alhambra Medical University's courses. Students may be asked to submit course descriptions or outlines and/or may be required to take a challenge exam if the Academic Committee feels this is necessary to substantiate equivalency. All transfer credit forms must be signed by member of Academic Committee.

Academic Progress

The University operates on the quarter system for the MSAOM program, with each quarter consisting of 10 weeks of class work. Each quarter unit is equivalent to 10 hours of class. A grade is assigned for each registered course. The final grade is determined by the total points accumulated by the student as listed in the individual course outlines. Clinical practice coursework and some other coursework receive a "Pass" or "No Pass" grade according to the completion of performance objectives. The academic courses are graded on a standard grading methodology.

- Student performance is evaluated by:
  - Class attendance
  - Participation in class
  - Quizzes / Midterms
  - Final examination
  - Papers / Projects
  - Presentations



- Grading Scale:
  94-100% = A
  90-93% = A-
  87-89% = B+
  84-86% = B
  80-83% = B-
  77-79% = C+
  70-76% = C
  69% & below = F (Failed)

CBT = Credit by transfer
AUD = Audit course, no credit
P/NP = Pass/No Pass
W = Withdrawal after add/drop
WF = Withdrawal after 6th week of class
I = Incomplete (if not completed by the end of the following quarter, the "I" becomes "F").

A grade of F, NP, or WF means that the student must retake, repay and successfully pass the class to continue with their curriculum. The original grade earned and the repeated grade earned are noted on the transcript and both are computed in the Grade Point Average.

Notice concerning transferability of credits and credentials earned at our institution: The transferability of credits you earn at Alhambra Medical University is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the Master of Science degree you earn in the Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine program is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits or degree that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Alhambra Medical University to determine if your credits or degree will transfer.

Attendance Policy

Students must be present for at least 80% of the time to obtain credit for a course. If the students have missed more than 20% of the time, the course must be repeated.

If excessive absence is established prior to week six of the quarter, the student may withdraw from the course or courses, and a grade "W" will be assigned. If excessive absence is established after week six, the student may withdraw from the course or courses, and a grade of "WF" will be assigned.

If an emergency arises, students must complete an absent request form to be signed by the faculty and approved by the Academic Dean. An excused absence is still considered part of the overall attendance policy.

Comprehensive Examinations

Comprehensive Examinations are given twice during the program learning period. The first comprehensive exam (The Clinic Entrance Exam) is given after a student has completed 72 didactic units and is ready to enter clinical internship. The second comprehensive exam is given after the student has completed 90% of their didactic courses and 750 hours of clinical internship. It is considered as the graduation examination.

The Comprehensive Examinations are assigned grades and must be passed with a grade of "C" or better. However, the grades and exams while noted on the student's transcript are not included in the Grade Point Average or Cumulative Grade Point Average.

Add/Drop Period

The Add/Drop Period is an established period of time at the beginning of each quarter where students may add or drop classes to/from their registration without penalty. Currently the Add/Drop Period is the first 14 days of each quarter.

Withdrawal

To officially withdraw from all courses, a student must complete an "Official Withdrawal" form. A student who officially withdraws from school after the Add/Drop period and prior to the end of the sixth week will be given the grade "W". If the student wishes to withdraw after the sixth week, he/she will be given a grade "WF" for each course.

The official date of the Withdrawal is the date the form is received by the Administrative Office. The amount of refund is determined according to policy.

Graduation Requirements

The Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine degree is awarded upon satisfactory completion of the following:

- Completion of the core curriculum with a minimum of 2310 hours of didactic instruction (231 quarter units with 222 required didactic units and 9 required elective didactic units) plus 960 hours of clinical internship (200 hours observation plus 760 hours of supervised clinical internship which comprises 48 quarter units). As such, 268 quarter units are required for graduation.

- Completion of all clinical requirements as stated in the Student's Clinical Handbook.

- Successfully pass the Comprehensive Graduation Examination

- Fulfill all financial obligations to the University

- In terms of residency, a quarter is defined as twelve (12) units or more. The minimum residency for the MSAOM degree program is 12 quarters. For transfer students, the minimum residency requirement is 60 quarter units of classroom instruction.



The minimum length of the Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine program is 4 academic years or 3 calendar years (12 quarters). The maximum time limit to earn the MSAOM degree is six calendar years.

The University's professional program of study leading to a Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine degree exceeds the minimum academic and clinical requirements established by the California Board of Acupuncture and the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Alhambra Medical University prepares its Acupuncture and Oriental medicine students to meet the professional education requirements for California state licensure.

A graduate of AMU is eligible to sit for the licensure examination of the California Acupuncture Board, and National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Consulting, Tutoring Services

Academic tutoring is available at the request of the student or as deemed necessary by the faculty. Tutoring may require an additional fee. Contact Students Services for more information.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees | MSAOM Program

Application:
- $100.00 nonrefundable
- $150.00 international applicants, nonrefundable

Academic Courses:
- $115.00 per unit
- $120.00 per unit (international)

Clinic Internship:
- $7.00 per clinic hour
- $8.00 per clinic hour (international)

Graduation Evaluation / Commencement:
- $250.00

Graduation Exam (Re-Take):
- $100.00

Makeup Exam:
- $55.00 per course

Challenge Exam:
- $120.00 per course

Malpractice Clinic Insurance (interns only):
- $50.00* per quarter (non-refundable)
- * Rates subject to change based on insurance company adjustments.

Late Registration Fee:
- $30.00

Late Payment Fee:
- $20.00

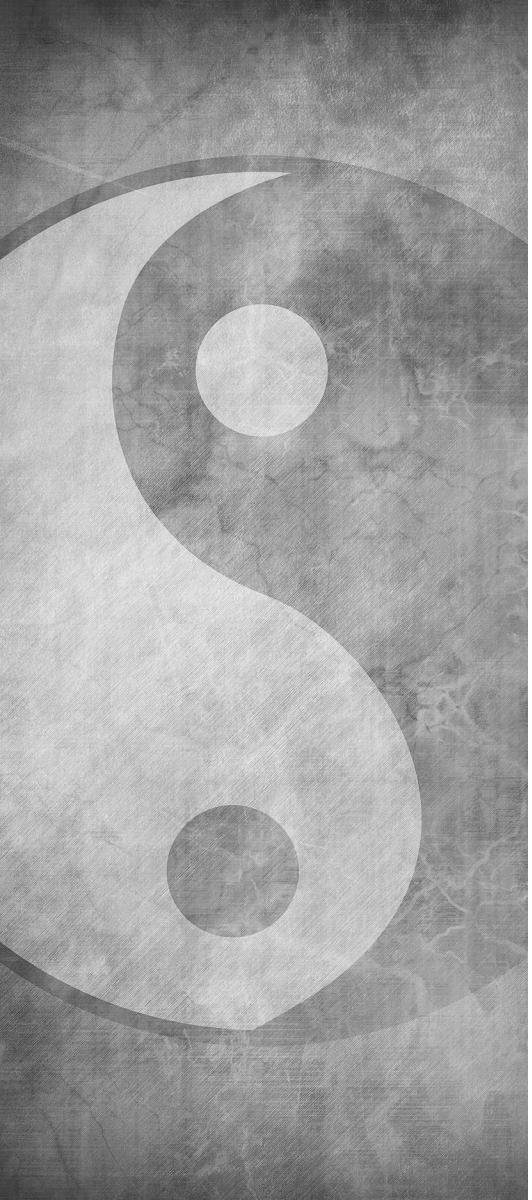
Bounce Check Fee:
- $25.00

Herbal Educational Box I - IV
- $120.00

Additional Fees

	Standard	Express
Certificate of Attendance	$5.00	$10.00
Certificate of Graduation	$5.00	$10.00
Official Transcript	$10.00	$20.00
Unofficial Transcript	$5.00	$10.00

* Tuition and fees are subject to change at the discretion of the University.



Tuition Refund Policy

Students will be held financially liable for all classes and clinic hours that appear on their registration printouts. It is the student's responsibility to officially cancel their registration, drop, or withdraw from classes or clinic hours. This includes but is not limited to classes and clinic hours the student registered for but never attended and/or completed. Informing the class Instructor or Program Director does not constitute a cancellation of registration, drop, or withdrawal from class or clinic hours. Students are advised to consult with the administrative office for proper procedures.

California State Pro Rata Refund Policy:
The California State Pro Rata Refund Policy applies to students who have not completed more than 60% of the course of instruction and is calculated as follows:

Student Charges

During Add/Drop Period

100% refund

After Add/Drop Period

10% charged for each week attended

3rd Week	80%
4th Week	70%
5th Week	60%
6th Week	50%
7th Week	No refund

* Pro Rata will be calculated only if the proper document is submitted. Verbal request will be not considered.

Didactic Instruction Tuition Refunds Cancellation of Registration

A cancellation of registration cancels all registered classes and clinic hours. If a cancellation of registration is submitted prior to the first day of class, a full refund of tuition, fees (other than the AMU Application Fee) will be granted to the student. Students who submit a cancellation of registration on or after the first day of class but during the Add/Drop period are also eligible for a full refund as mentioned above. Students who withdraw from class or classes after the Add/Drop period are eligible to receive partial refunds based on a pro rata amount, for up to sixty percent (60%) of the course of instruction.

Clinic Practice Tuition Refunds Cancellation of Registration

As stated above, students who submit a cancellation of their registration prior to the first day of clinic internship will receive a full refund of tuition paid toward the clinic internship hours and fees (other than the malpractice insurance fee). In addition, students that drop clinic hours prior to the end of Add/Drop period will receive a full refund for their tuition payment toward clinic hours. However, to cancel or drop registered clinic hours, the student must notify the Clinic Director of their intention in writing. Students who drop clinic hours after the Add/Drop period will be charged a pro rata fee.

Student Financial Aid

Alhambra Medical University currently does not offer federal student financial aid. However, AMU is very sensitive to the needs of students and does offer some opportunities for students to apply for educational loans with private lenders. Students are encouraged to consult with the Administrative office about the loan application or the possibility of structuring a Tuition Payment Plan.

Clinical Facilities

AMU University Clinic

Alhambra Medical University is extremely proud of the clinical education it provides for its students, as well as the service it provides to the residents of the City of Alhambra and surrounding communities. The AMU clinic is where students first embark on the journey of integrating theory and practice.

By observing, assisting and independently practicing in a supervised environment, students have the opportunity to apply clinically the information learned through their didactic instruction.

Clinical competence is formally evaluated by the clinic faculty each quarter.
A practical comprehensive examination (Clinic Level Exit Exams) provides additional measures of the student's mastery of clinical skills.

Herbal Pharmacy

The AMU Herbal Pharmacy stocks over 400 Chinese herbs, concentrated herbal granules, and many commonly used patent formulas. During clinical training, students learn how to become competent in herbal formula preparation, and become proficient in recognizing single herbs by their Latin or Pin Yin names.



Management Of Alhambra Medical University

The affairs of Alhambra Medical University are managed by the senior level staff of the University, subject to the review and approval of the President. The senior level staff collaboratively develops and implements policy and procedures, which are in turn approved by the President during regularly scheduled meetings. In the areas of tuition and fee charges, academic standards, etc., recommendations are made to the President who makes the final decision of approval before implementation takes place.

There are two ways for students to formally and indirectly participate in the decision making process:

- they may attend committee meetings by becoming student representatives;
- by filling out course evaluation forms at the end of each quarter.

Students may also speak to any member of the faculty, staff or administration in regards to any concern they may have.

Academic Policies and Ethics

Alhambra Medical University expects its students to maintain themselves at all times in a manner befitting a professional institution. Unprofessional conduct at AMU will not be tolerated.

A student may be dismissed for unsatisfactory conduct, scholarship or attendance, or for any other cause that is considered to be prejudicial to the interest of the University or the alternative healthcare professions. Personal conduct and appearance are outward expressions of character. Students are expected to abide by the standards of professional conduct, dress and appearance approved by the University and the profession. A student may be dismissed or suspended from a class or the University following appropriate hearing and appeals procedures.

Other Student Information

Student Body

The Alhambra Medical University student body is as diverse in interest as it is in culture, ethnicity, professional background and age. Those who make up the student body are passionate about alternative medicine, focused on their academic responsibilities and committed to becoming successful health care practitioners. AMU provides a professional environment where the training, experience and maturity of students from other health care professions is respected and appreciated. Prospective students need to demonstrate strong motivation, desire and commitment to service as a health care professional.

Campus Setting

AMU is located in San Gabriel Valley within easy driving distance of the Pacific Coast beaches, Century City, and Downtown Los Angeles. Students have easy access to public transportation and part time job opportunities. Leisure activities may include visits to the Getty Museum, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles Zoo, Disneyland, Magic Mountain, and Knott's Berry Farm. Hiking, bicycle riding, horse back riding, and boating are just a few of the activities that students may enjoy and are close by. Students may also enjoy dining and shopping in Alhambra, or nearby Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Pasadena.

Library

The AMU library houses a sizable collection of Acupuncture and Oriental medical books, in English and Chinese, as well as journals, newsletters and other periodicals. The library also contains a substantial collection of Western Medicine and science books, periodicals, and journals. A variety of publications related to massage education and practice can also be found in the AMU library.

Student Computer Lab

In support of Alhambra Medical University's mission of teaching, research, and public service, AMU provides computing resources for the campus community of students, faculty, and staff.

Students Records

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the University protects the privacy of student records, including address, phone number, grades and attendance dates. Student records will be kept permanently in a locked fireproof file cabinet and a back up copy of the student's records will be kept on a computer disk(s) with adequate memory. Students will have the right to review their academic file by submitting a request to the Registrar.

At graduation, students are provided with a copy of their official transcript and diploma at no cost. Students requesting additional copies of their transcript must do so in writing and pay a $10 fee for each transcript.

Student Life

Alhambra Medical University places a high value on the quality of student life both in and out of the classroom. We provide an environment that encourages involvement in a wide variety of activities of an academic and nonacademic nature, including clubs, community service opportunities, and various committees designed to enhance the quality of student life.

Student Housing

Alhambra Medical University does not provide housing for students. The Student Services Staff will advise students on local affordable rentals.

Parking

Ample street parking surrounds AMU. Street parking is available in front of the University and it is not metered or limited by time. There is also substantial parking in the rear of the main University building.

Job Placement Service

While we cannot guarantee job placement for graduates, we have established contacts in the community with Massage Therapy Clinics, Medical Doctors, Chiropractors and other Acupuncture Clinics. Many of our students prefer to go into private practice. Our students are trained in depth in practice management and ethics to help them attain this goal.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Alhambra Medical University is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

AMU does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, medical condition (as determined under California employment laws), or status as a Vietnam-era veteran or qualified disabled veteran in the administration of its educational programs, school administered programs, publications or in its employment practices.

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Alhambra Medical University is committed to accommodating students with physical and learning disabilities. Accommodations and other support services are tailored to meet the needs of each individual student, and are intended to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy

It is the policy of Alhambra Medical University that the learning environment be free of illegal, illicit, controlled and addictive substances. Specifically, all members of the University's community, which includes administration, faculty, staff, students and guests, will abstain from being under the influence, the use of and/or the consumption, of any illegal, illicit, addictive or controlled substance while on the University premises.

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Basic Sciences	40 Units	400 Hrs
Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine Principles, Theories, & Treatment		
Traditional Chinese Medicine	45 Units	450 Hrs
Acupuncture & Moxibustion	29 Units	290 Hrs
Herbology	45 Units	450 Hrs
Therapeutic Massage, Qi Gong, Tcm Exercise	10 Units	100 Hrs
Clinical Medicine, Patient Assessment & Diagnosis	32 Units	320 Hrs
Case Management	9 Units	90 Hrs
Practice Management	5 Units	50 Hrs
Public Health	3 Units	30 Hrs
Professional Development	4 Units	40 Hrs
Elective Class	9 Units	90 Hrs
Clinical Practice	48 Units	960 Hrs
Total Program	279 Units	3270 Hours

Basic Sciences

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
BS101	Biology	3	30
BS102	Chemistry & Biochemistry	3	30
BS103	Physics	2	20
BS104	Psychology	3	30
BS106	Microbiology & Immunology	3	30
BS107	Nutrition & Vitamins	3	30
BS201	Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	4	40
BS202	Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	4	40
BS203	Anatomy & Physiology III & Lab	3	30
BS204	Anatomy & Physiology IV & Lab	3	30
BS311	Pathology I	3	30
BS312	Pathology II	3	30
BS313	Pathology III	3	30
Total		40 Units	400 Hrs

Traditional Chinese Medicine

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
OM100	Medical History & Literature	3	30
OM101	Basic Theory of TCM I	3	30
OM102	Basic Theory of TCM II	3	30
OM201	TCM Diagnosis I	3	30
OM202	TCM Diagnosis II	3	30
OM203	TCM Diagnosis III	3	30
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OM402	TCM Gynecology	3	30
OM403	TCM Orthopedics/ Traumatology	3	30
OM404	Integration of Asian/Western Medicine	3	30
Total		45 Units	450 Hrs

Acupuncture & Moxibustion

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
AC100	Meridian Theory	3	30
AC101	Acupuncture Anatomy I	3	30
AC102	Acupuncture Anatomy II	3	30
AC201	Acupuncture Physiology I	3	30
AC202	Acupuncture Physiology II	3	30
AC301	Acupuncture Techniques I & Lab	4	40
AC302	Acupuncture Techniques II & Lab	4	40
AC401	Acupuncture Therapeutics I	3	30
AC402	Acupuncture Therapeutics II	3	30
Total		29 Units	290 Hrs

Herbology

No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs
HB100	Introduction to Botany & Herbs	2	20
HB101	Chinese Herbology I	3	30
HB102	Chinese Herbology II	3	30
HB103	Chinese Herbology III	3	30
HB104	Chinese Herbology IV	3	30
HB201	Chinese Herbal Formula I	3	30
HB202	Chinese Herbal Formula II	3	30
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HB204	Chinese Herbal Formula IV	3	30
HB300	TCM Nutrition	3	30
HB301	Advanced Herbology	3	30
HB401	Advanced Formula: Shang Han Lun	3	30
HB402	Advanced Formula: Jin Kui Yao Lue	3	30
HB403	Advanced Formula: Wen Bing	3	30
HB410	Formula Writing	4	40
Total		45 Units	450 Hrs

Therapeutic Massage, Qi Gong, TCM Exercise

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
TB101	Tai Ji Quan	2	20
TB102	Qi Gong	2	20
TB200	Tui Na	3	30
TB201	Asian Body Work	3	30
Total		10 Units	100 Hrs

Clinical Medicine
Patient Assessment & Diagnosis

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
WM100	Western Medical Terminology	3	30
WM301	Physical Examination	3	30
WM302	Laboratory & Imaging	3	30
WM303	Differential Diagnosis	3	30
WM304	Western Pharmacology	3	30
WM401	Western Clinic Science I	3	30

Clinical Medicine
Patient Assessment & Diagnosis

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
WM402	Western Clinic Science II	3	30
WM403	Western Clinic Science III	3	30
WM404	Western Clinic Science IV	3	30
WM405	Western Gynecology	3	30
WM500	Survey of Clinical Medicine	2	20
Total		32 Units	320 Hrs

Case Management

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
CM301	Case Management I	3	30
CM302	Case Management II	3	30
CM303	Case Management III	3	30
Total		9 Units	90 Hrs

Practice Management

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
MG401	Clinical Management	3	30
MG402	Medical Ethics	2	20
Total		5 Units	50 Hrs

Public Health

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
PH101	Public Health	3	30
Total		3 Units	30 Hrs

Professional Development

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
RM101	Research of AOM	3	30
RM102	Graduation Exam	1	10
Total		4 Units	40 Hrs

Elective Class

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
EL100	Academic Seminar (Topic Varies)	3	30
EL101	Japanese Shiastu	3	30
EL102	Japanese Abdominal Diagnosis	3	30
EL103	Korean Four-Images	3	30
EL104	Yoga	3	30
EL105	Tibetan Medicine	3	30
EL106	Advanced Qi Gong	3	30
EL201	Yellow Emperor's Classic	3	30
EL202	Medical I Ching	3	30
EL203	Modern Research on Chinese Herbs	3	30
EL204	Various Schools of TCM	3	30
EL205	Medical Chinese (Mandarin)	3	30
EL206	Clinical English	3	30
EL207	Treatments for Parasite Diseases	3	30
EL208	Cancer & TCM	3	30
EL209	Auto-immune Diseases & TCM	3	30
EL210	Introduction to Homeopathy	3	30

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
EL301	Neuro-endocrinology	3	30
EL302	Integrative Pain Management	3	30
EL303	Clinical Rehabilitation	3	30
EL304	Advanced TCM Gynecology	3	30
EL305	TCM Pediatrics	3	30
EL306	TCM Cosmology	3	30
Total		9 Units	90 Hrs

Clinical Practice

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
CL111-113	Clinic Level I		
CL111	Clinical Orientation & Preparation	2	40
CL112	Herbal Pharmacy	2	40
CL113	Clinic Observation	6	120
Total		10 Units	200 Hrs

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
CL211	Clinic Level II		
	Assisted/Supervised Practice	16	320
Total		16 Units	320 Hrs

Code	Course Title	Units	Hrs
CL311	Clinic Level III		
	Solo Practice with Supervisor's instruction	22	440
Total		22 Units	440 Hrs

Clinical Practice Total	48 Units	960 Hrs

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Basic Sciences 40 Units | 400 Hours

3 | 30 **BS101 Biology**

The course introduces the study of life systems, basic cellular biology, metabolism, evolution and diversity of life forms.

Prerequisite: None

3 | 30 **BS102 Chemistry & Biochemistry**

The first half of the course covers the principles of inorganic chemistry and application to various facets of life with emphasis on chemical properties of elements. The second half of the course introduces organic chemistry along with structure and functions of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids and their relationship to nutritional science as well as their clinical aspects as essential nutrients to preserve health.

Prerequisites: None

2 | 20 **BS103 Physics**

Principles of classical and quantum physics will be presented. Topics include general mechanics, electromagnetism, optics, thermodynamics, relativity and various technical concepts.

Prerequisites: None

3 | 30 **BS104 Psychology**

Course covers various psychopathological conditions, basic techniques of assessment and treatment methods focusing on application to healthcare setting, emphasizing the patient-practitioner relationship.

Prerequisites: None

3 | 30

BS106 Microbiology & Immunology

This course introduces communicable and infectious diseases including bacteria, fungi, virus and parasite, and explores some basic principles of human immunity against the microbes.

Prerequisite: None

2 | 20

BS107 Nutrition & Vitamins

This course explores the vital role that dietary adjustments and nutrition play in various diseases, and disorders. Topics will focus on the essential elements of nutritional physiology, the roles of vitamins and minerals in health maintenance and as therapeutic supplements, and the use of food as medicine.

Prerequisite: None

4 | 40

BS201 Anatomy/Physiology I & Lab

An overview of the structure of the human body, including histology, embryology, anatomy of bones, organs and muscles as well as their physiological functions.

Prerequisite: None

4 | 40

BS202 Anatomy/Physiology II & Lab

Regional study of human anatomy and physiology, including the cardiovascular system, respiratory, and digestive systems.

Prerequisite: None

Recommended: BS201

3 | 30 **BS203 Anatomy/Physiology III & Lab**

Study of anatomical structures and physiological functions of the sensory organs, circulatory systems, blood and lymph, genitourinary and reproductive systems.

Prerequisite: None

Recommended: BS201

3 | 30 **BS204 Anatomy/Physiology IV & Lab**

Overview of the anatomical structures and physiological functions of the human body, including the nervous system and endocrine system.

Prerequisite: None

Recommended: BS201

3 | 30 **BS311 Pathology I**

Introduction to the study of general pathology including cellular dynamics, inflammation and repair, environmental and genetic disorders, hemodynamic and hematological disorders, immunopathology and neoplasia.

Prerequisites: BS201-204

3 | 30 **BS312 Pathology II**

Continuation of BS311 with emphasis on systematic pathology including respiratory, digestive, cardiovascular and urinary and reproductive systems.

Prerequisite: BS201-204

Recommended: BS311

3 | 30

BS313 Pathology III

Continuation of BS312 with emphasis on systematic pathology; including endocrine, nervous, musculoskeletal, integumentary, hematopoietic and lymphatic systems, and disorders of the sensory organs.

Prerequisite: BS201-204

Recommended: BS311

Traditional Chinese Medicine

45 Units | 450 Hours

3 | 30 **OM100 Medical History & Literature**
Introductory course on the history and development of Eastern and Western medicine with reference to Traditional Chinese Literary classics as well as TCM medical terminology.
Prerequisite: None
Recommended: OM101

3 | 30 **OM101 Basic Theory of TCM I**
Basic Principles and Theories of Traditional Chinese Medicine in relation to Yin-Yang concepts, Eight Principles, Etiology and function of Qi, Blood, Body Fluids and the Zang Fu Organs with reference to the Nei Jing and other classic texts.
Prerequisite: None

3 | 30 **OM102 Basic Theory of TCM II**
The study of pathology according to Traditional Chinese Medicine including external (wind, cold, dampness, heat & dryness), internal factors (emotions) and miscellaneous factors that cause diseases. The general law of the pathological changes and the prevention and treatment of diseases are discussed.
Recommended: OM101

3 | 30 **OM201 TCM Diagnosis I**
The Diagnosis of disease using the Eight Principles, Five elements and Four Methods of examination: Observation, Auscultation & Olfaction, Inquiry and Palpation. Tongue and Pulse differential diagnosis is emphasized
Prerequisite: OM101-102

3 | 30

OM202 TCM Diagnosis II

Differential diagnosis of the Internal Organs (Zang Fu) and diagnosis according to Qi, Blood, and body Fluids. Correlation between Western diagnosis and TCM syndromes are provided Treatment plans involving acupuncture and herbs are also discussed.

Prerequisite: OM101-102

Recommended: OM201

3 | 30

OM203 TCM Diagnosis III

This is a composite diagnosis course designed to assist the student in developing the skills necessary to draw correlations between Western diagnosis and TCM syndromes. Treatment methods are formulated through the integration of TCM diagnostic philosophies including Channel & Collateral Theory, Conformations according to the Three Warmers, and Progression of Infections Fever Diseases and Six Channel Differentiation.

Prerequisite: OM101-102

Recommended: OM201

3 | 30 **OM204 Clinical Consulting Skills**

It is a prerequisite course for the students of clinical internship level II. Further training of the skills of clinical communication with patients. An integrative communication skill will be taught and practiced in the class.

Prerequisite: OM201-203

3 | 30 **OM301 TCM Internal Medicine I**

Traditional Chinese internal medicine covers the etiology, pathogenesis and treatment of diseases. Differential Diagnosis is made by analyzing the pathological changes of Zang-Fu, Qi, blood, bodily fluids, channels and collaterals.

Prerequisite: OM 201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

3 | 30 **OM302 TCM Internal Medicine II**

Continuation of OM301;

Prerequisite: OM201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

3 | 30 **OM303 TCM Internal Medicine III**

Continuation of OM302;

Prerequisite: OM201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

3 | 30 **OM304 TCM Internal Medicine IV**

Continuation of OM303; Prerequisite: OM201-203

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OM401 TCM Dermatology

Traditional Chinese medical perspectives on the etiology, pathology and diagnosis of a variety of skin disorders with therapeutic treatments focusing on acupuncture and herbal formulas.
Prerequisite: OM201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

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OM402 TCM Gynecology

Study of the anatomy, physiology and pathologies of the diseases of women as well as their diagnosis and treatment according to Traditional Chinese Medicine.
Prerequisite: OM201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

3 | 30

OM403 TCM Orthopedics/ Traumatology

Examination and diagnosis of common musculo-skeletal trauma cases in terms of Traditional Chinese Medical treatments and Tui-Na. TCM approach to pain management will be introduced.
Prerequisite: OM 201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

3 | 30

OM404 Integration of Eastern and Western Medicine

Medical problems presented in a correlation case study format researched, analyzed, diagnosed and presented by students from the perspective of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Western Medicine.
Prerequisite: OM201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

Acupuncture & Moxibustion

29 Units | 290 Hours

3 | 30 **AC100 Meridian Theory**
Introduction to the basic theory of meridians, classification of acupuncture points and systems of nomenclature. Detailed presentation of the major meridians, distribution of channels, branches and collaterals, and the relationship with the internal organs.
Prerequisite: None
Recommended: OM101, BS201
Concurrent: AC101 or AC102

3 | 30 **AC101 Acupuncture Anatomy I**
Study of the points located on the 14 meridians, including names and anatomical locations, 15 collateral points, 8 extra channels, and non-channel points.
Prerequisite: None
Recommended: BS201

3 | 30 **AC102 Acupuncture Anatomy II**
Continuation of AC101
Prerequisite: None
Recommended: BS201

3 | 30 **AC201 Acupuncture Physiology I**
The usage of regular and special acupuncture points (five shu, yuan primary source, xi cleft, lower he sea points) and their traditional functions in treatment.
Prerequisites/Concurrent: AC101
Recommended: AC100

3 | 30 **AC202 Acupuncture Physiology II**
Continuation of AC201
Prerequisite/Concurrent: AC102
Recommended: AC100

4 | 40 **AC301 Acupuncture Techniques I & Lab**

The usage of regular and special acupuncture methods, including needling, moxibustion, cupping, accident prevention, contra indications. An acupuncture lab training is attached to raise students' needling skills.

Prerequisites: AC101-102

Recommended: CNT

4 | 40 **AC302 Acupuncture Techniques II & Lab**

Continuation of AC301, focusing on Ear and Scalp Acupuncture

Prerequisite: AC101-102

Recommended: CNT

3 | 30 **AC401 Acupuncture Therapeutics I**

Student will discuss medical cases and present with selection of points and point combinations to treat various diseases and conditions including obstetrics, gynecology and disease of the eyes, ears, nose and throat.

Prerequisite: AC201-202, OM201-203

3 | 30 **AC402 Acupuncture Therapeutics II**

Continuation of AC401

Prerequisite: AC201-202, OM201-203

Herbology

45 Units | 450 Hours

2 | 20 **HB100 Introduction to Botany & Herbs**

Students in this course will learn to identify Latin classifications of plants used in Western medicine as well as major plants used in Traditional Chinese Medicine with attention on botanical nomenclature. Emphasis is given to individual herbal properties such as flavor, entering meridians, function and medicinal uses.
Prerequisite: None; Recommended: OM101

3 | 30 **HB101 Chinese Herbology I**

Introduction of the most commonly used medical substances in traditional Chinese Pharmacology. This course covers exterior releasing herbs, herbs that clear heat and relieve toxicity, and downward draining herbs.
Prerequisite: None
Recommended: HB100, OM101-102

3 | 30 **HB102 Chinese Herbology II**

Introduction of the most commonly used medical substances in traditional Chinese pharmacology. This course discuss herbs that drain, transform and dispel wind & dampness, warm body's interior, expelling cold, regulate qi, and expel parasites.
Prerequisite: None
Recommended: HB100, OM101-102

3 | 30 **HB103 Chinese Herbology III**

Introduction of the most commonly used medical substances in traditional Chinese Pharmacology. This class will cover herbs that regulate blood, transform phlegm and relieve coughing, calm the spirit, as well as aromatic herbs that open orifices.
Prerequisite: None
Recommended: HB100, OM101-102

3 | 30 **HB104 Chinese Herbology IV**

Introduction of the most commonly used medical substances in traditional Chinese Pharmacology. This course presents herbs that tonify qi, yin and yang, and blood. Discussion on astringent, extinguishing wind, and external application herbs will be included.

Prerequisite: None

Recommended: HB100, OM101-102

3 | 30 **HB201 Chinese Herbal Formula I**

This is a comprehensive introduction to Chinese herbal formulas for various clinical applications. This section will introduce formulas used for diaphoresis, purgation, harmonization, antipyretic, and summer heat clearing.

Prerequisite: OM201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

3 | 30 **HB202 Chinese Herbal Formula II**

This is a comprehensive introduction to Chinese herbal formulas for various clinical applications. This section will cover formulas used for warming, exterior releasing, tonifying, sedation, resuscitation and astringents.

Prerequisite: OM201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

3 | 30 **HB203 Chinese Herbal Formula III**

This is a comprehensive introduction to Chinese herbal formulas for various clinical applications. This class will present formulas with carminative, blood-regulating, anticonvulsant and moisturizing characteristics.

Prerequisite: OM201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

3 | 30 **HB204 Chinese Herbal Formula IV**

This is a comprehensive introduction to Chinese herbal formulas for various clinical applications. This course offers an in-depth analysis of the formulas that are diuretic, phlegm-expelling, resolving, anti-parasitic and anti-abscess characteristics.

Prerequisite: OM201-203, 2 classes of HB101-104

3 | 30 **HB300 TCM Nutrition**

Practical aspect of using food to correct medical conditions according to theories of Traditional Chinese Medicine

Prerequisite: OM201-203

3 | 30 **HB301 Advanced Herbology**

Herb identification of all herbs learned from total four Chinese herbology classes. Clinical specific applications of herbs not learned from the text books.

Prerequisite: HB100-104

Recommended: OM201-203

3 | 30 **HB401 Advanced Formula: Shang Han Lun**

Differential diagnosis and treatment of cold diseases based on the principles of Six Channel Theory expounded in the TCM classics Shang Han Lun.

Prerequisite: OM201-203, HB201-204

3 | 30 **HB402 Advanced Formula: Jin Gui Yao Lue**
Differential diagnosis and treatment of miscellaneous diseases expounded in the TCM classics Jin Gui Yao Lue.
Prerequisite: OM201-203, HB201-204

3 | 30 **HB403 Advanced Formula: Wen Bing**
Differential diagnosis and treatment of febrile diseases based on the systems of the Four Level Theory and Three Jiao Theory expounded in the TCM classics Wen Bing Tiao Bian.
Prerequisite: OM201-203, HB201-204

4 | 40 **HB410 Formula Writing**
Practical learning of the construction of herbal formulas by selecting appropriate herbs and modifying dosages according to patient's constitutions.
Prerequisite: HB201-204, OM201-203

Therapeutic Massage, Qi Gong, TCM Exercise

10 Units | 100 Hours

2 | 20 **TB101 Tai Ji Quan**

Introduction to the Chinese system of movement and meditation, basic principles of Tai Ji and practice of breathing techniques. Students in this class will practice movements, flowing and centering techniques and exercises to maintain good health and longevity by promoting the flow of Qi. This is a Pass/No Pass class.

Prerequisite: None

2 | 20 **TB102 Qi Gong**

Exercises combining breathing and postures, energy moving motion, meditation and breathing, relaxation and mind-regulating techniques to train and nourish energy. This is a Pass/No Pass class.

Prerequisite: None

3 | 30 **TB200 Tui Na**

Chinese traditional massage to treat disease and traumatic injuries based on theories of Yin, Yang, Qi, Blood and internal organs. This is a Pass/No pass class.

Recommended: AC101-102, BS201

3 | 30 **TB201 Asian Body Work**

It is a continuing class of TB200. Students will learn how to combine the anatomical knowledge with Tui Na techniques to clinical practices such as trigger point therapy, myofascial release, post isometric relaxation, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation.

Recommended: AC101-102, BS201

Clinical Medicine, Patient Assessment & Diagnosis

32 Units | 320 Hours

3 | 30 **WM100 Western Medical Terminology**
Study of Western Medical terms used for various diseases, medical/surgical procedures and body parts. Introduction on how medical terminology are formed using Greek and Latin roots, prefixes, suffixes and abbreviations
Prerequisite: None

3 | 30 **WM301 Physical Examination**
Students will learn to perform actual physical diagnosis emphasizing common physical diagnostic techniques. In addition, class introduces the ordering and interpretations of a variety of laboratory tests and when to refer patients to other health-care providers.
Prerequisite: BS201-204

3 | 30 **WM302 Laboratory & Imaging**
Class introduces medical imaging and its limitations, the order and preparation for the various examination, the reading of radiological report and the understanding of film interpretation, the basic physics and techniques of all modalities.
Prerequisite: BS201-204

3 | 30

WM303 Differential Diagnosis

This course introduces the differential diagnosis of common clinical symptoms and body signs. It includes fever, bleeding of skin and membrane, edema, cough, cough with phlegm, haemoptysis, chest pain, cyanosis, breathe with difficulty, palpitation, nausea, vomit, haematemesis, blood in stool, abdominal pain, diarrhea, constipation, jaundice, back and low back pain, joint pain, haematuria, frequent urination, urinary urgency, urinary pain, oliguria, anuria, polyuria, headache, dizziness, faint, twitch, convulsion, and conscious obstruction.

Prerequisite: BS201-204

3 | 30

WM304 Western Pharmacology

Course discusses how certain drugs affect the autonomic & central nervous systems, as well as other organ systems

Prerequisite: BS201-204

3 | 30

WM401 Western Clinic Science I

This course introduces the clinical aspects of Western medicine. This is the first of a four part series presents the human body within the Western approach to disease and disorders, nutrition, hormonal disorders, errors of metabolism and biological agents.

Prerequisites: BS311

Concurrent: BS312 or 313

3 | 30 **WM402 Western Clinic Science II**

The topics of discussion in this course emphasize diseases of the internal organs including cardiovascular system, respiratory system, gastrointestinal and genitourinary system.
Prerequisites: BS311
Concurrent: BS312 or BS313

3 | 30 **WM403 Western Clinic Science III**

This course discusses the diseases diagnosis and treatment of the hepatobiliary and nervous systems, pancreas, hematopoietic, and neoplasia. Common immunological disorders are also discussed.
Prerequisites: BS311
Concurrent: BS312 or BS313

3 | 30 **WM404 Western Clinic Science IV**

This course discusses the specialized area of obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics and geriatrics medicine. Common neurological and psychiatric disorders and treatments are discussed.
Prerequisites: BS311
Concurrent: BS312 or BS313

3 | 30 **WM405 Western Gynecology**

Introduction of the anatomy and physiology of female organs. The pathological changes of female diseases and their western medical treatments will be discussed with clinical cases.
Prerequisite: BS311
Concurrent: BS312 or BS313

Case Management 9 Units | 90 Hours

2 | 20 **WM500 Survey of Clinical Medicine**
Reviews the clinical practices of various branches of medicine, including osteopathy, chiropractic, homeopathy, naturopathy, and other natural healing modalities.
Prerequisite: None

3 | 30 **CM301 Case Management I**
The first evaluation stage for new interns. This seminar class requires each student to present a minimum of one clinical case for review in a classroom setting. Instructors will evaluate presentation procedures, case analysis, research techniques and conclusions.
Prerequisites: BS201-204, OM201-203, HB100-104, AC100-202

3 | 30

CM302 Case Management II

Interns will present clinical case studies and receive a more rigorous analysis of their diagnostic tactics and case management. Interns are expected to enhance patient evaluation skills with a deeper knowledge of herbal and acupuncture treatments. In addition, they should be able to evaluate their own recommended treatment modalities and be capable of adjusting them to greater serve the patient's needs.

Prerequisite: None

Concurrent: CL211

3 | 30

CM303 Case Management III

This is the third and final Case Management seminar and interns are required to demonstrate their skills and to present them in clinical case management studies. Interns must research on a comprehensive treatment program covering both eastern and western perspectives, including thorough documentation of patient charting; physical examination with prior medical history; possible diagnosis and recommended treatment; provide competent and efficient application of acupuncture and herbal therapies and prescription. Interns will be expected to present and defend their professional decisions and techniques before their peers and licensed supervisor.

Prerequisite: None

Concurrent: CL311

Practice Management 5 Units | 50 Hours

3 | 30 **MG401 Clinical Management**

Study of the business aspects of private practice, including clinic operations, environmental planning, finances, public relations, insurance billing, maintenance and release of records, personal injury and Workman's Compensation procedures. Other topics include patient communication skills, counseling, confidentiality, and public service.

Prerequisite: None

2 | 20 **MG402 Medical Ethics**

A presentation of medical ethics and jurisprudence for the primary health care practitioner with emphasis on California Acupuncture law. Including topics such as informed consent, patient referral, legal requirements of record keeping, office liability, insurance laws, and malpractice.

Prerequisite: None

Public Health 3 Units | 30 Hours

3 | 30 **PH101 Public Health**

Course will cover overall view of current practices in epidemiology, community and environmental health sciences, biostatistics, health services and disease control.

Prerequisite: None

Professional Development 4 Units | 40 Hours

3 | 30 **RM101 Research of AOM**

Introduction of the most recent scientific researches on acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine all over the world. The evidence-based results will be emphasized. A general clinical research method of acupuncture and Oriental medicine will be discussed.

Prerequisite: None

1 | 10 **RM102 Graduation Exam**

To graduate from the MSAOM program at AMU, student must pass the graduate examination in his/her last or last two quarters.

Prerequisite: Complete at least 210 didactic units and 760 hours clinical internship

Elective Class* 9 Units | 90 Hours

* Students must complete units of elective classes among all the elective classes

3 | 30 **EL100 Academic Seminar (Topic Varies)**
This course will be offered when a valued topic or an excellent instructor is available. All topics must be related to Acupuncture and Oriental medicine or integration of Acupuncture and Oriental and Western medicine.
Prerequisite: None

3 | 30 **EL101 Japanese Shiatsu**
This course introduces the unique Japanese massage – Shiatsu, its principle, hands-on skills and clinical applications.
Prerequisite: None

3 | 30 **EL102 Japanese Abdominal Diagnosis**
This course introduces the unique Japanese diagnostic method – abdominal diagnosis, its principles, its methods and how to apply it in the clinical practice.
Prerequisite: OM201-203

3 | 30 **EL103 Korean Four-Images**
This course introduces Korean's special pattern identification: Four-Images. It originated from the Chinese philosophical book I Ching, and was developed by Korean doctors to be a clinical system of diagnosis and treatment.
Prerequisite: OM201-203

3 | 30

EL104 Yoga

This course introduces the basic theory of Yoga, its techniques, and how to practice it as one way of disease prevention.

Prerequisite: None

3 | 30

EL105 Tibetan Medicine

This course introduces Tibetan medicine. The introduction focuses on its principles, special diagnosis and treatment methods. Unique Tibetan herbs and their medical functions will be mentioned.

Prerequisite: OM201-203

3 | 30

EL106 Advanced Qi Gong

This class introduces more Qi Gong schools and types. Qi Gong therapeutics will be approached also. Prerequisite: TB102

3 | 30

EL201 Yellow Emperor's Classic

This class introduces the most important ancient Chinese medical classics Yellow Emperor's Classic, its relationship with today's Chinese medicine, and how to apply it into clinic practice.

Prerequisite: None

3 | 30

EL202 Medical I Ching

This class introduces the relationship between I Ching and traditional Chinese medicine, explains how I Ching impact the Chinese medicine, and in how many fields.

Prerequisite: None

3 | 30

EL203 Modern Research on Chinese Herbs

This course introduces the most updated scientific research achievements on Chinese herbs, and discusses how to apply the research results to the clinic practice.

Prerequisite: HB101-104

3 | 30

EL204 Various Schools of TCM

This course introduces many different scholastic medical schools on the history of Chinese medicine, and analyzes their different contribution and clinic value to the Chinese medicine.

Prerequisite: OM201-203

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EL205 Medical Chinese (Mandarin)

This course teaches very basic Chinese language for acupuncture and Chinese medicine students, such as pronunciation, Pin-Yin system, Chinese characters on herbs and TCM terms.

Prerequisite: None

3 | 30

EL206 Clinical English

This course focuses on clinical conversation in English to improve the communicative ability of the students in the Chinese Track.

Prerequisite: None

3 | 30

EL207 Treatment of Parasite Diseases

This course introduces the symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of parasite diseases in TCM view points, and discusses the integration of TCM and conventional medicine in parasitology.

Prerequisite: OM201-203

3 | 30

EL208 Cancer & TCM

This course discusses the possible application of TCM on oncology, mainly focuses on the pain relief and immune system improvement for cancer patients.

Prerequisite: OM201-203

3 | 30

EL209 Auto-immune Disease and TCM

This course discuses the clinic application of TCM on auto-immune diseases such as insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM), multiple sclerosis (MS), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), and rheumatoid arthritis (RA). The appropriate integrative treatment of East/West medicine will be discussed.

Prerequisite: OM201-203

3 | 30

EL210 Introduction to Homeopathy

This course introduces the basic theories, the diagnostic principles and therapeutic methods of homeopathy. A comparison between homeopathy and TCM will be discussed.

Prerequisite: OM201-203

3 | 30

EL301 Neuro-endocrinology

This course introduces the most updated development of neuro-endocrinology and its clinic applications. The relationship between neuro-endocrinology and TCM will be discussed.

Prerequisite: OM201-203, BS301-303

3 | 30

EL302 Integrative Pain Management

This course focuses on introducing the different approach to pain symptoms by Western medicine and TCM, and discussing the appropriate integrative treatment for a better result.

Prerequisite: OM201-203, AC201-202

3 | 30

EL303 Clinical Rehabilitation

This course focuses on an appropriate integrative treatment for the patients during their rehabilitative period.

Prerequisite: OM201-203, AC201-202

3 | 30

EL304 Advanced TCM Gynecology

This course is the continuation of OM402 TCM Gynecology. More gynecological diseases and treatments will be discussed.

Prerequisite: OM402

3 | 30

EL305 TCM Pediatrics

This course introduces the theory, diagnosis and treatment of TCM to children diseases.

Prerequisite: OM201-203

3 | 30

EL306 TCM Cosmology

Introduction of the basic knowledge of cosmology, combined with TCM life nourishment principles and techniques.

Prerequisite: AC301-302, OM201-203, HB101-104

Clinical Practice 48 Units | 960 Hours

2 | 40 **CL111 Clinic Level I: Orientation & Preparation**

An orientation to the acupuncture clinic for entering interns. All aspects of clinic procedures including professional dress code, equipment safety code, patient practitioner relationship, proper medical charting format, traditional Chinese medical therapies, clean needle technique protocol and prevention of infection from blood borne pathogens are presented. Students will practice and role play intake of patient proper handling of equipments and treatment of patients.

Prerequisite: Passing grade on Clinic Internship Entrance exam, CNT certificate and current C.P.R. card.

Prerequisite: OM101-102, OM201-203, AC100-102, AC201-202, HB100-104, BS101-103, BS201-204, WM100

2 | 40 **CL112 Clinic Level I: Herbal Pharmacy**

Supervised training in the herbal pharmacy where interns prepare herbal prescriptions for patients. Various forms of herbal medication including raw herb decoction, capsule/pill formulations as well as powder extracts are used and interns will learn to select, weigh, and compounding herbal prescriptions.

Prerequisite: Passing grade on Clinic Internship Entrance exam, CNT Certificate and current C.P.R. card.

6 | 120

CL113 Clinic Level I: Clinic Observation

Interns at this level will spend most of their clinic hours observing clinicians and advanced interns on treatment procedures from intake to charting to diagnosis and treatment. Observers are encouraged to discuss the reasoning behind each patient diagnosis and begin to formulate their own opinions.

Prerequisite: CL111, CNT Certificate and current C.P.R. card.

16 | 320

CL211 Clinic Level II: Assisted/Supervised Practice

Level II Interns are expected to practice acupuncture and Chinese Herbology, along with other healing therapies within the scope of the acupuncture license. The internship is done under close guidance and supervision. Students are regularly evaluated as to their abilities to treat patients. Toward the end of this level, emphasis is shifted toward the intern's defense of their independently derived treatment decisions.

Prerequisite: Passing grade on Clinic Internship Level I Exit exam and a current C.P.R. card.

22 | 440

CL311 Clinic Level III: Solo Practice with Supervision

This is the last level of internship before graduation where Senior interns demonstrate a thorough understanding of clinical diagnosis and treatment skills and are expected to perform "solo practice" and assume primary responsibility for treating patients. Interns at this level have less supervision of their activities but must obtain the supervisor's approval of all treatment decisions. By the end of this course, an intern must have performed at least 350 treatments in order to graduate.

Prerequisite: Passing grade on Clinic Internship Level II Exit exam and a current C.P.R. card.

Year One

	Western Science & Medicine		Oriental Medicine		Acupuncture	
Quarter	**Course**	**Units**	**Course**	**Units**	**Course**	**Units**
One	BS101 Biology	3	OM100 Med. History & Literature	3	AC101 Acupuncture Anatomy I	3
	BS201 Anatomy/Physiology & lab I	4	OM101 Basic Theory of TCM I	3		
Two	BS102 Chemistry & Biochemistry	3	OM102 Basic Theory of TCM II	3	AC102 Acupuncture Anatomy II	3
	BS103 Physics	2				
	BS202 Anatomy/Physiology & lab II	4				
Three	BS104 Psychology	3	OM201 TCM Diagnosis I	3	AC100 Meridian Theory	3
	BS203 Anatomy/Physiology & Lab III	3				
Four	BS106 Microbiology & Immunology	3	OM202 TCM Diagnosis II	3	AC201 Acupuncture Physiology I	3
	BS204 Anatomy/Physiology & lab IV	3				

Herbal Medicine		Elective & Others		Quarterly	Clinical internship	
Course	Units	Course	Units	Total Units	Level	Hours
				16		
HB100 Intro to Botany & Herbs	2			17		
HB101 Chinese Herbology I	3			15		
HB102 Chinese Herbology II	3			15		

Year Two

	Western Science & Medicine		Oriental Medicine		Acupuncture	
Quarter	**Course**	**Units**	**Course**	**Units**	**Course**	**Units**
One	WM100 Medical Terminology	3	OM203 TCM Diagnosis III	3	AC202 Acupuncture Physiology II	3
	WM301 Physical Examination	3				
Two	BS107 Nutrition & Vitamins	3	OM301 TCM Internal Medicine I	3	AC301 Acupuncture Techniques & Lab I	4
			TB101/TB102 Tai Ji Quan/Qi Gong	4		
Three	BS311 Pathology I	3	OM302 TCM Internal Medicine II	3	AC302 Acupuncture Techniques & Lab II	4
			TB200 Tui Na	3		
Four	BS312 Pathology II	3	OM303 TCM Internal Medicine III	3	AC401 Acupuncture Therapeutics I	3
			OM204 Clinic Consulting Skills	3		

Herbal Medicine		Elective & Others		Quarterly	Clinical internship	
Course	**Units**	**Course**	**Units**	**Total Units**	**Level**	**Hours**
HB103 Chinese Herbology III	3			**15**		
HB104 Chinese Herbology IV	3			**17**	Clinic Entrance Exam	
HB201 Chinese Herbal Formula I	3			**16**	Level I - Orientation	40
					Level I - Herb Pharmacy	40
HB202 Chinese Herbal Formula II	3	CM301 Case Management I	3	**18**	Level I - Observation	120
					Level I Exit Exam	

Year Three

	Western Science & Medicine		Oriental Medicine		Acupuncture	
Quarter	**Course**	**Units**	**Course**	**Units**	**Course**	**Units**
One	BS313 Pathology III	3	OM304 TCM Internal Medicine IV	3	AC402 Acupuncture Therapeutics II	3
	WM302 Laboratory & Imaging	3				
Two	WM303 Differential Diagnosis	3	OM401 TCM Dermatology	3		
	WM304 W. Pharmacology	3	TB201 Asian Body Work	3		
Three	WM401 W. Clinical Science I	3	OM402 TCM Gynecology	3		
	WM405 W. Gynecology	3				
Four	WM402 W. Clinical Science II	3	OM403 TCM Orthopedics/Traumatology	3		

Herbal Medicine		Elective & Others		Quarterly	Clinical internship	
Course	**Units**	**Course**	**Units**	**Total Units**	**Level**	**Hours**
HB203 Chinese Herbal Formula III	3	Elective	3	**18**	Level II - Supervised Practice	80
HB204 Chinese Herbal Formula IV	3	CM302 Case Management II	3	**18**	Level II - Supervised Practice	120
HB301 Advanced Herbology	3	PH101 Public Health	3	**15**	Level II - Supervised Practice	120
					Level II Exit Exam	
HB401 A. Formula Shang Han Lun	3	Elective	3	**12**	Level III - Solo Practice	120

Year Four

	Western Science & Medicine		Oriental Medicine		Acupuncture	
Quarter	Course	Units	Course	Units	Course	Units
One	WM403 W. Clinical Science III	3	OM404 Integration of E/W Medicine	3		
Two	WM404 W. Clinical Science IV	3				
Three	WM500 Survey of Clinic Medicine	2				
Four						

Herbal Medicine		Elective & Others		Quarterly	Clinical internship	
Course	**Units**	**Course**	**Units**	**Total Units**	**Level**	**Hours**
HB300 TCM Nutrition	3	CM303 Case Management III	3	**12**	Level III/Solo Practice	120
HB402 A. Formula Jin Gui Yao Lue	3	Elective	3	**12**	Level III/Solo Practice	120
		RM101 Research on AOM	3			
HB403 A. Formula Wen Bing	3	MG401 Clinical Management	3	**10**	Level III/Solo Practice	80
		MG402 Medical Ethics	2			
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