ANCIENT WISDOM, MODERN HEALTHCARE

Study Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine

Founded in 1980, ACTCM is one of the oldest, most prestigious Chinese medicine schools in the nation. ACTCM is partnering with California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) to initiate new frontiers in learning and research. Together we are advancing opportunities for holistic care of mind, body and spirit.

Degrees leading to acupuncture licensure:
- Master of Science in Traditional Chinese Medicine (MSTCM)
- Doctorate of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (DACM)

ACTCM Graduates
- Acupuncturists who set up practices around the globe.
- Integrative and holistic healthcare writers and educators.
- Herbalists who grow Chinese medicine herbs and create herbal pharmacies.
- Practitioners working in integrative health hospitals and clinics.
- Experts at the forefront of healthcare research, teaching and policy making.

Learn More
www.actcm.edu
Open House - September 12th & November 7th

Contact us in San Francisco
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Changing Healthcare

ACTCM students learn how to apply ancient wisdom to modern healthcare practices. Chinese Medicine is a medical system that has been used for thousands of years to prevent, diagnose, and treat disease. It is based on the belief that qi (the body’s vital energy) flows along meridians (channels) in the body and keeps a person’s physical, spiritual, emotional and mental health in balance. Traditional Chinese medical modalities include acupuncture, diet, herbal therapy, meditation, massage and physical exercise.

ACTCM provides two different paths for pursuing a first professional degree and licensure as an acupuncturist:

**Master of Science in Traditional Chinese Medicine (MSTCM)**
A comprehensive program that emphasizes hands-on clinical training with theoretical study, creating a strong foundation for a career as an acupuncturist.

**Doctorate of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (DACM)**
A first professional doctorate that incorporates the MSTCM curriculum with advanced training in research literacy and integrative, patient-centered care. We are proud to be the first institution approved by both national accreditor (ACAOM) and regional accreditor (WASC) to offer a first professional doctorate.

**Length of programs:** 4 years  
**Units:** 176 units (MSTCM) / 192 units (DACM)  
**Format:** Weekdays and evenings (Fall, Spring, and Summer)  
**Open House Schedule:** www.actcm.edu/openhouse

Financial Aid

Financial aid opportunities for our graduate degree programs include Federal Direct Student Loans, Federal Work Study, veteran's tuition benefits, and scholarships. To learn more about financial aid and tuition, visit www.actcm.edu/aid.

**MSTCM & DACM Curriculum**

- **Chinese Medicine**  
  Learn theory & fundamentals  
- **Acupuncture Therapeutics**  
  Study points and needling techniques  
- **Western Sciences**  
  Understand the foundation of western care and practices  
- **Clinic**  
  Train in a variety of clinical settings  
- **Herbal Medicine**  
  Master Chinese herbal pharmacology  

**Why ACTCM?**

**Clinical Education** – Students have the opportunity to intern at ACTCM’s onsite Acupuncture and Herbal Clinic, Auricular Clinic and several specialized clinical sites in the Bay Area.  
**Herbal Education** – Our herbal program is the most comprehensive in the country, with education in herbal theory, identification and function of more than 500 herbs.  
**World Renowned Faculty** – Faculty consists of both Western and Eastern-trained practitioners who have experience working in integrative medicine and understand the health issues facing today’s modern society.  
**Exam Preparation** – Our students consistently receive the highest scores on the national certification and California licensure exams.  
**Study Abroad in China** – The study abroad programs in China provides a strong foundation in TCM theory, differential diagnosis and treatment skills.  
**Student Resources** – ACTCM provides peer mentors, tutoring, weekly lunch presentations, one of the largest TCM library collections in the U.S. and career workshops.  
**Life in San Francisco** – ACTCM is located in a world class city that continually ranks as one of the happiest, healthiest and most progressive cities in America.

**Apply Online**

www.actcm.edu/apply

The following materials are considered in the review of applicants:
- Official Transcript(s) from all colleges attended  
- Personal Statement  
- 2 Letters of Recommendation  
- Completed Application Form  
- Professional Resume  
- Application Fee + 2 Passport Size Photos

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**Additional Focus for DACM**

**Integrated Medicine** is woven throughout the program, training professionals to meet the needs of patient centered care in multi-modality providing institutions.  
**Systems-Based Medicine** provides an extra focus on culturally sensitive and collaborative care.  
**Research Literacy** helps develop DACM graduates as life-long learners and provides them with skills in critical evaluation of scholarly literature.  
**Evidence-Informed Practice** integrates clinical findings, patient preferences, research and clinical experience into the process of health care delivery.