

APPLY ANCIENT WISDOM TO MODERN HEALTH-CARE PRACTICES

Chinese medicine is a medical system that has been used for thousands of years to diagnose, prevent, 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.

Chinese medical modalities include acupuncture, diet, herbal medicine, meditation, massage, and exercise.



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OUR AMAZING ALUMNI

ACTCM graduates are making an impact in the world as:

- Acupuncturists Without Borders who provide medical aid to communities in crisis.
- Practitioners in hospitals and clinics who are leaders in integrative health.
- Educators and writers who publish books on acupuncture and Chinese medicine, wellness, nutrition, and holistic health.
- Acupuncturists who work with veterans, professional sports teams, and performers.
- Experts at the forefront of health-care research, teaching, and policy-making.
- Healers who develop businesses that combine acupuncture, Chinese medicine, physical therapy, and bodywork.
- Herbalists and conservationists who grow herbs and run herbal pharmacies.



TRANSFORMING ACUPUNCTURE & CHINESE MEDICINE EDUCATION

After nearly 40 years of rich history, ACTCM continues to be at the forefront of exploring new models of acupuncture, Chinese medicine, and holistic health care.

Accreditation by WSCUC and ACAOM uniquely positions the college to offer an educational experience that upholds the highest standards of learning while also providing unique resources for students and alumni.

Apply Online

www.actcm.edu/apply

Submit the following:

- Official transcript(s) from all colleges attended
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Completed application form
- Professional résumé
- Application fee

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Learn About Our MSTCM & DACM Community!

Sign up for one of our Open Houses: www.actcm.edu/openhouse
Contact us to become a Student for a Day at our campus.

Degrees for Entering the Acupuncture Profession

Master of Science in Traditional Chinese Medicine
Doctor of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine



ACTCM

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine
at California Institute of Integral Studies

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A LEADER INVESTED IN COMMUNITY & SCHOLARSHIP

Founded in 1980 in San Francisco, the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine is one of the oldest, most prestigious Chinese medicine schools in the U.S. Our students, alumni, and faculty are deeply engaged in the acupuncture community and are leaders at the forefront of integrative care, research, public health, and holistic wellness.

ACTCM joined California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) as its fourth school in 2015. The merger has expanded resources and opportunities for acupuncture and mental health education and research. ACTCM at CIIS is proud to be the first institution to be approved by both the national programmatic accreditor (ACAOM) and the regional accreditor (WASCUC) to offer a first professional doctorate.

PURSUE A DEGREE IN CHINESE MEDICINE

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.

Doctor 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.

LENGTH OF PROGRAMS: Four years

UNITS: 176 units (MSTCM)/192 units (DACM)

FORMAT: Weekdays and evenings; full-time or part-time basis (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters)

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE: www.actcm.edu/openhouse

ACTCM also offers a postgraduate doctorate (DAOM) for licensed acupuncturists and a transitional doctorate (transitional DACM) for those who have completed a master's degree in acupuncture and Chinese medicine, as well as a broad selection of certificate programs, public classes, and continuing education courses. Financial aid opportunities for our graduate degree programs include Federal Direct Student Loans, Federal Work-Study, veterans' tuition benefits, and scholarships.

MSTCM & DACM CURRICULUM

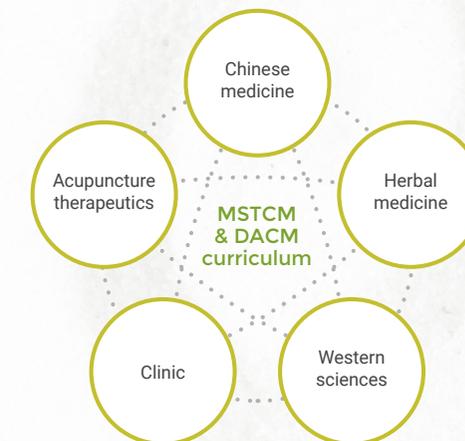
CHINESE MEDICINE: Learn theory fundamentals.

ACUPUNCTURE THERAPEUTICS: Study points and needling techniques.

HERBAL MEDICINE: Master Chinese herbal materia medica and formulations.

BIOMEDICINE: Understand the foundation of biomedicine care and practices.

CLINIC: Train in a variety of clinical settings.



Additional Focus in the DACM Program

Integrated Medicine is woven throughout the program, training professionals to meet the needs of patient-centered care in multimodality-providing institutions.

Systems-Based Medicine provides an extra focus on culturally sensitive and collaborative care.

Research Literacy helps develop DACM graduates as lifelong 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.

WHAT SETS ACTCM APART?



Clinical Education

Students have the opportunity to intern at ACTCM's on-site Acupuncture and Herbal Clinic, Auricular Clinic, and at several specialized clinical sites in the Bay Area, which include community health clinics, academic medical centers, hospitals, and more.



Herbal Education

Our herbal program is one of the most comprehensive in the country, with education in herbal theory and the identification and function of more than 500 herbs. On campus, students have access to the herbal lab/clinic and student-run herbal garden, which contains more than 150 types of herbs and plants.



World-Renowned Faculty

Faculty consists of both Western- and Eastern-trained practitioners who have experience working in integrative medicine and hold the understanding necessary for dealing with the health problems of today's modern society.



Student Resources

ACTCM provides a student-mentorship program, tutoring, weekly lunchtime presentations, one of the largest TCM library collections, and career workshops to aid in student success both in school and in practice after graduation.



Partnerships with China

ACTCM offers a two-week study abroad in Hangzhou, three-month scholarship studies in Henan, and postgraduate training opportunities with leading Chinese herbal company Tong Ren Tang.



Highest Pass Rates on Exams

Our graduates consistently post the highest scores on national and California board exams. In 2016, ACTCM first-time test takers scored a 100% pass rate on the CA Acupuncture Licensing Exam.



Life in San Francisco

ACTCM is located in a diverse, vibrant city that attracts healers from around the world to practice here and explore new models of integrative care.