

Curriculum

Master of Acupuncture with a Chinese Herbal Medicine Specialization (currently Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine)

Texas Health and Science University is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) to award the degree of Master of Acupuncture with a Chinese Herbal Medicine Specialization (currently Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine). This program is a first professional degree program that prepares graduates to pass their national board exams and become a Licensed Acupuncturist in most U.S. states (see “States for which THSU’s Program Meets Licensure Requirements” in this section). The suggested schedule of study may be completed in ten trimesters (40 weeks). Students must complete the coursework and required internship for this degree within 15 trimesters.

Course Codes	Course Names	Semester Credits	Contact Hours
First Trimester			
A-4101-O	Fundamental Theories of Traditional Chinese Medicine	4	60
A-4102-O	Chinese Terminology and Phonetics	2	30
A-4103-O	Meridian Theory	2	30
W-4101-O	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	45
A-4104-O	Introduction to Point Location	1	15
A-4105-O	Point Location – Green	3	45
	Total First Trimester	15	225
Second Trimester			
A-4106-O	Introduction to TCM Diagnosis	4	60
W-4102-O	Biomedical Concepts, Terminology and Western Medical History	2	30
A-4107-O	Point Location – Yellow	4	60
W-4103-O	Anatomy and Physiology II	2	30
H-4101-O	Introduction to TCM Herbology	1	15
H-4102-O	TCM Herbology – Yellow	2	30
	Total Second Trimester	15	225
Third Trimester			
A-4109	Qi Exercise	1	15
A-4110	Special Acupuncture Techniques	2	30
A-4111-O	Five Element Theory and Application	1	15
A-4112	CPR and Other Emergency Techniques	1	15
C-4101	Clinic Observation – Black	3	90
E-4101-O	Medical Ethics	1	15
H-4103-O	TCM Herbology – Green	3	45
A-4113-O	Point Location – Red	1	15
A-4108-O	TCM Diagnosis I	2	30
	Total Third Trimester	15	270

Fourth Trimester			
W-4201	Surface Anatomy	2	30
A-4201-O	Meridian Acupoint Energetics and Application	3	45
C-4201	Clinic Observation – White	3	90
E-4201-O	Marketing and Office Management	3	45
A-4114-O	TCM Diagnosis II	2	30
H-4201-O	TCM Herbology – Red	3	45
	Total Fourth Trimester	16	285
Fifth Trimester			
E-5202-O	Counseling and Communications	2	30
W-5202-O	Biomedical Pathophysiology	3	45
H-5202-O	Introduction to TCM Prescriptionology	1	15
A-5203-O	Treatment Modality of Acupuncture I	3	45
C-5202	Clinic Internship I	4	120
H-5203-O	TCM Prescriptionology – Orange	2	30
A-5204	Scalp and Ear Acupuncture	2	30
	Total Fifth Trimester	17	315
Sixth Trimester			
A-4202	Practical Training in Diagnosis	2	30
E-5203-O	Business Planning and Entrepreneurship	2	30
H-5204-O	TCM Prescriptionology – Blue	2	30
A-5205-O	Treatment Modality of Acupuncture II	3	45
C-5203	Clinic Internship II	4	120
W-5203-O	Biomedical Diagnosis and Laboratory Tests	3	45
	Total Sixth Trimester	16	300
Seventh Trimester			
W-5301-O	Biomedical Microbiology	3	45
A-5301	Tui Na	2	30
W-5302-O	Diet and Nutrition	1	15
W-5303-O	Case Management and Referral	2	30
H-5301-O	TCM Prescriptionology – Purple	3	45
C-5301	Clinic Internship III	4	120
	Total Seventh Trimester	15	285
Eighth Trimester			
H-6302-O	Classics I: <i>Shang Han Lun</i>	2	30
W-6304-O	Biomedical Pharmacology	3	45
H-6303-O	Clinical Patent Herbs	1	15
H-6304-O	Practical Training in Herbal Formulation	1	15
H-6305-O	Internal Medicine – Herbology	3	45
A-6302-O	Licensure Examination Preparation: Foundations of TCM	2	30
C-6302	Clinic Internship IV	4	120
	Total Eighth Trimester	16	300

Ninth Trimester			
H-6306-O	TCM Gynecology	2	30
W-6305-O	Clinical Sciences and Clinical Medicine	2	30
H-6307-O	Classics II: <i>Golden Chamber</i>	1	15
A-6303-O	Licensure Examination Preparation: Acupuncture and Point Location	2	30
H-6308-O	Licensure Examination Preparation: Herbology	3	45
W-6306-O	Biomedical Toxicology	2	30
C-6303	Clinic Internship V	4	120
	Total Ninth Trimester	16	300
Tenth Trimester			
W-6404-O	Licensure Examination Preparation: Biomedicine	3	45
W-6402-O	Hygiene, Public Health and Epidemiology	1	15
H-6401-O	Classics IV: <i>Wen Bing Lun</i>	1	15
H-6402-O	Classics III: Four Streams of Scholars (<i>Jin Yuan Dynasty</i>)	1	15
C-6401	Clinic Internship VI	4	120
W-6403-O	Biomedical Research Design and Scientific Method	2	30
	Total Tenth Trimester	12	240
TOTAL		153	2745

THSU follows the semester credit system: 15 contact hours plus 30 hours of out-of-class work equals one classroom credit, and 30 contact hours plus 15 hours of out-of-class work equals one clinic (lab) credit.

Elective Courses

Students are also encouraged to take one or more concentration courses which are specialties within Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Electives			
O-5001	Tai Chi: 108 Wu Tai Chi Chuan 1	1	15
O-5002	Tai Chi: 108 Wu Tai Chi Chuan 2	1	15
O-6003	TCM Pediatrics	2	30
O-6004	TCM Neurology	2	30
O-6005	TCM Dermatology	2	30
O-6006	TCM Facial Rejuvenation	1	15
O-6007	TCM for Side Effects of Western Medicine	2	30
O-6008	TCM Sports Medicine	2	30
O-6009	TCM Geriatrics	1	15
O-6010	TCM for Modern Conditions	2	30
O-6011	Fluid Physiology and Pathology	2	30