



SECTION THREE ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE

Acupuncture And Oriental Medicine Department

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Chinese Herbs
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POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN CHINESE HERBS

Program Overview

Maryland University of Integrative Health's two-year Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Chinese Herbs integrates classical Chinese medicine with a Constitutional Five Element perspective. The program is rooted in the history of ideas of Chinese herbal medicine from the classics to contemporary practice. Its flexible weekend format is designed for licensed acupuncturists and current acupuncture students. The 37-credit program provides a deep and thorough understanding of Chinese herbs and formulas in the didactic component. Clinical training, consisting of 210 hours, includes direct diagnostic calibration with experienced supervisors and practical dispensary training in MUIH's extensive herbal dispensary. Students also learn advanced specialty topics, including gynecology, dermatology, oncology, gastroenterology, and traumatology. Graduates are confident in their ability to be effective and knowledgeable practitioners of Chinese herbal medicine.

Purpose

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Chinese Herbs at MUIH educates effective clinicians. The course of study integrates classical Chinese medicine and Constitutional Five-Element constitutional perspectives into the study of herbal medicine. This yields a uniquely deep and broad vision of the Chinese tradition. Students who have completed the program possess a well-rounded knowledge of the theory and philosophy of Chinese herbal medicine, its rich history, and contemporary applications. The students are taught by some of the brightest clinicians and prominent elders of Chinese herbal medicine in the United States. They receive a transmission of knowledge and wisdom from these instructors that carries the Chinese herbal tradition forward into an increasing prominent place in the current healthcare landscape. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Chinese Herbology certification exam offered by the NCCAOM and practice confidently, safely, and with compassion.

Goals

- Attain a working and thorough knowledge of the Chinese herbal Materia Medica and the most commonly used formulas
- Apply a theoretical framework to analyze medicinal substances (herbal, mineral, animal product)
- Analyze any medical condition and provide a differential diagnosis using theoretical frameworks presented in the program
- Demonstrate knowledge of various specialties of Chinese medicine, theories, and contributions
- Demonstrate broad-based knowledge of the history of Chinese medicine
- Gain an understanding of Chinese dietary therapy
- Obtain the clinical skills and training (diagnosis, formula planning, treatment delivery, and patient management) necessary to become a confident Chinese herbalist

Course of Study

Number	Course Title	Credits
AOM 776A	Five Element Theory Herbal Integration Intensive I	0.50
AOM 776B	Five Element Theory Integration Intensive II	0.50
CHP 610A	History of Chinese Herbal Medicine	0.25
CHP 621	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory I	4.25
CHP 622B	Five Element Theory & Herbal Integration I	2.50
CHP 622C	Five Element Theory & Herbal Integration II	4.75
CHP 642B	Clinical Theory in Practice II	0.25
CHP 642C	Clinical Theory in Practice III	0.50
CHP 711A	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory II	3.50
CHP 711B	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory II	4.50
CHP 711C	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory II	4.75
CHP 721A	Clinical Internship	2.00
CHP 721B	Clinical Internship	2.50
CHP 721C	Clinical Internship	2.50
CHP 731A	Clinical Thought Process	0.50
CHP 731B	Clinical Thought Process	0.50
CHP 741A	Diagnostic Skills	0.50
CHP 760	Clinical Orientation	0.25
CHP 770A	Pharmacy Practicum	0.25
CHP 770B	Pharmacy Practicum	0.25
CHP 770C	Pharmacy Practicum	0.50
CHP 780A	Core Group I	0.50
CHP 780B	Core Group II	0.25
CHP 780C	Core Group III	0.25
Total Program Credits		37.00

Please note: Some courses in the Chinese Herb Program are currently under review. For further information, please contact MUIH Admissions, admissions@muih.edu.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to all graduate academic programs applicants must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.* Applicants must submit an official transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended.

Please refer to the Application Requirements section for a detailed list of required application materials.

* If the bachelor's degree was not completed at a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, copies of the institution's academic catalog and course syllabi may be requested. Please refer to the International Students section for additional information.

Additional Requirements

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Graduate of MUIH Master of Acupuncture or Doctor of Acupuncture program
- Current student in MUIH Master of Acupuncture or Doctor of Acupuncture program
- Graduate or current student of an acupuncture or Oriental medicine program that is accredited by, or in candidacy with, the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM)†
- Currently licensed acupuncturist in the United States who does not fit into any of the above categories
- Professional healthcare provider currently licensed in the United States to practice acupuncture within the scope of a medical practice

†Students currently enrolled in acupuncture programs not at MUIH may be required to submit transcripts to verify completion of prerequisite coursework.

Health Requirements

Students must meet certain health requirements to participate in the clinical phase of this program. For specific requirements, please refer to the Health, Training, and Other Requirements section of the catalog.

Program Format

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Chinese Herbs is a 24-month program offered on campus on weekends. Saturday and Sunday class times are generally 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., with some Friday classes from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

In the second year, students will begin participating in clinic. Clinic times are available on weekdays and weekends. See www.muih.edu for more information.

Additional Information Laws & Licensure

Governmental laws, regulations, legal opinions, and requirements differ from country to country and state to state. Please see the Master of Oriental Medicine section of this catalog for additional information.

MASTER OF ACUPUNCTURE

Program Overview

The acupuncture program is a graduate curriculum leading to a Master of Acupuncture degree. It is designed to blend ancient healing traditions with contemporary science as the basis for treating the whole person. The program provides a comprehensive understanding of the classical and theoretical foundations of the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine, provides a focus on the Constitutional Five Element Acupuncture tradition and Eight Principle treatment strategies, and introduces students to biomedicine from an integrative and holistic perspective, as needed for the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

The program emphasizes self-cultivation and “healership” – providing a rigorous, transformative, and relationship-centered curriculum that guides students to choose their words and actions intentionally, in order to be a healing presence that supports their patients. The program also provides a solid foundation in practice management and the skills necessary to build a practice or enter the work force and participate in today’s growing healthcare field.

Purpose

The mission of the Master of Acupuncture program is to draw upon ancient wisdom, the gifts of nature, and science to educate and develop highly skillful and compassionate practitioners who offer acupuncture as a catalyst for healing and wellness, as well as increased self-awareness and personal transformation. This mission serves the evolution of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and its integration into the wider field of health care by advancing new paradigms of healing and wellness.

Goals

Students who complete the program will:

- Possess a comprehensive and integrated understanding of the classical and theoretical foundations of the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine
- Possess an understanding of biomedicine from an integrative and holistic perspective
- Grow personally and professionally, and develop a “healing presence”
- Serve clients at all levels of being – body, mind, and spirit
- Be able to specialize in the treatment of certain health conditions and populations, including pain management and women’s health
- Possess the business and practice management skills to ensure their success as they enter the workforce

Please note: To view the expanded educational objectives, please visit: www.muih.edu

Curriculum Overview

Students progress through three levels of training, each with an overarching theme that guides program goals and objectives. The trimesters flow and build from one to the next, and the coursework is sequenced to provide a rich and transformative educational experience, as summarized below.

Level I

Level I begins with an intensive on healership that introduces students to the art, practice, and science of being a healing presence. Students are introduced to MUIH’s foundational philosophical principles, living within the rhythms of nature, living with mindfulness, and the skillful and purposeful use of language as tools for being a powerful healing presence and catalyst for change. This intensive is followed by coursework designed to open up the power of observation and sensory awareness. Other topics in Level I include:

- The foundational laws and theories that underpin the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine
- Diagnostic skills development
- Rapport building skills development
- Surface anatomy and point location
- History of acupuncture and an introduction to the classical texts
- Ethics
- Orientation to information literacy
- Philosophy, practice, and therapeutic application of qi through the study of classical self-cultivation practices (such as Tai Ji, Qi Gong, and Daoist meditation)

Level II

Level II coursework delves deeper into the topics introduced in Level I, focusing on theory, diagnosis, treatment planning, and skills development. Students continue to observe clinical practice throughout Level II, and begin supervised clinical work. Each student trains at the on-campus faculty-supervised clinic and at the off-campus Community Clinic Sites. Near the end of this level, each student will take the Level II Comprehensive Exam. Upon passing the exam, the student may begin the expanded clinical portion of the program.

Level III

Level III begins with a three-day off-campus retreat. The retreat serves as a bridge between the academic work of Levels I and II, and the clinical experience of Level III. During the retreat, students reflect on their clinical transition and build community with peers who will practice with them in the faculty-supervised clinic. Over the course of Level III, each student generates a minimum of 10 patients, and completes, under supervision, a minimum of 250 treatments. In addition, each student performs

at least 180 treatments on patients at Community Clinic Sites (begun in Level II). Beyond the increased clinical focus, Level III coursework focuses more deeply on advanced topics in theory, diagnosis, treatment planning, and skills development.

During the final stages of clinic work, each student must pass an oral exam with a panel of senior faculty to demonstrate the student's embodied knowledge and skills in the realm of Chinese medicine. Students may graduate upon completion of all coursework, clinical, and other academic requirements.

Course of Study

LEVEL I

Number	Course Title	Credits ¹
Trimester 1		
AOM 601	History of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	2.00
AOM 611	Foundations of Oriental Medicine I	2.00
AOM 631	Diagnostic Skills I	1.50
AOM 681	Self-Cultivation I	0.50
APP 612	Becoming a Healing Presence: "Healership"	1.50
APP 613	Becoming a Healing Presence I: Qualities and Practices	1.50
IHM 611	Practice Management: Ethics for the Wellness Professional	1.50
ISCI 640	Clinical Anatomy Regional and Surface Anatomy	3.00
MUIH 500	Online Orientation	0.00
MUIH 550	Academic Research and Scholarship	0.00
Subtotal		13.50

Trimester 2

AOM 612A	Foundations of Oriental Medicine II	2.00
AOM 612B	Constitutional Five Element Acupuncture I	2.00
AOM 622	Point Location I	3.00
AOM 632	Diagnostic Skills II	1.00
AOM 682	Self-Cultivation II	0.50
APP 614	Becoming a Healing Presence II: Transformation Language	1.50
ISCI 547A	Physiology I: Healthy Function	3.00
ISCI 754	Safe Practices	2.00
Subtotal		15.00

LEVEL II

Number	Course Title	Credits ¹
Trimester 3		
AOM 613A	Foundations of Oriental Medicine III	1.50
AOM 613B	Constitutional Five Element Acupuncture II	2.50
AOM 623	Point Location II	3.00
AOM 633	Diagnostic Interaction	1.25
AOM 643	Treatment Skills I	1.00
AOM 653	Clinical Observation I	0.75
AOM 690A	Introduction to Community Acupuncture and Supervised Community Practice I	0.50
APP 615	Becoming a Healing Presence III: The Power of Rapport and Skillful Inquiry	1.50
ISCI 701	Introduction to Statistics, Research Design & Information Literacy in Integrative Health	3.00

Subtotal 15.00

Trimester 4

AOM 014	Five Element Project	0.00
AOM 095	Orientation to Clinical Practice	0.00
AOM 614	Patterns of Disharmony I	2.00
AOM 614B	Visiting Scholar Intensive I	1.00
AOM 624	Point Location III	3.00
AOM 634A	Clinical Intake: Interview and Exam	2.50
AOM 634B	Diagnostic Skills Lab I	0.75
AOM 654	Clinical Observation II	0.75
AOM 683	Self-Cultivation III	0.50
AOM 690B	Supervised Community Practice II	0.25
NUTR 676	Chinese and Western Nutrition Therapy	2.00

Subtotal 12.75

Trimester 5

AOM 615A	Patterns of Disharmony II	2.00
AOM 615B	Treatment Planning and Design	2.00
AOM 615C	Point Functions and Applications	3.00
AOM 625	Point Location IV	2.00
AOM 635	Diagnostic Skills Lab II	0.50
AOM 645	Clinical Theatre Lab	0.50
AOM 655	Clinical Theatre	1.00
AOM 685	Self-Cultivation IV	0.50
AOM 690C	Supervised Community Practice II	0.25
AOM 6EXI	Level Two Comprehensive Exam	0.00
AOM 790C5	Supervised Clinical Practice	0.50
IHM 660	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine I	1.00

Subtotal 13.25

LEVEL III			Number	Course Title	Credits ¹
Number	Course Title	Credits¹	Choose 3.0 credits of the following: ³		
Trimester 6			AOM 719A1	Pain Management in Oriental Medicine	3.00
AOM 096	Pre-Clinic Retreat	0.00	AOM 719A2	Women's Health in Oriental Medicine	3.00
AOM 665	Physiology III: Integration with Oriental Medicine	1.00	AOM 719A3	Five Element Clinical Intensive	3.00
AOM 726	Point Location V	2.00	Subtotal 12.25		
AOM 746	Transforming and Healing Emotions	1.00	Trimester 10⁴		
AOM 776A	Five Element Theory Integration Intensive I ²	0.50	AOM 790G	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.00
AOM 790B6	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group	1.00	Subtotal 3.00		
AOM 790C6	Supervised Clinical Practice	1.50	Trimester 11⁴		
APP 616	Becoming a Healing Presence IV: Supporting Others Through the Life Cycle	1.50	AOM 790G	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.00
IHM 661	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine II	1.50	Subtotal 3.00		
ISCI 647B	Physiology II: Movement Away from Health	3.00	Flex Core⁵		
Subtotal 13.00			ISCI 615	Mind Body Science	3.00
Trimester 7			ISCI 636	Integrative Science of Acupuncture	3.00
AOM 717A	Visiting Scholar Intensive II	1.00	Subtotal 6.00		
AOM 717B	Advanced Treatment Planning	2.00	BIOSCIENCE ELECTIVES		
AOM 747	Advanced Treatment Skills	0.75	Choose 3.00 credits in bioscience electives. Elective offerings vary by trimester and are subject to change. Please refer to the Schedule of Courses for an update to date list of elective offerings.		
AOM 776B	Five Element Theory Integration Intensive II ²	0.50	Sample electives include:		
AOM 790B7	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group	1.00	Number	Course Title	Credits
AOM 790C7	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.25	IHED 637	Principles and Practices of Health Behavior and Self-Care	1.50
IHM 762	Practice Management the Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine III	1.50	ISCI 610B	Introduction to Scientific Writing	1.50
ISCI 758A	Biomedical Integration of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine I	2.00	ISCI 630A	Survey of Complementary Health Approaches	3.00
Subtotal 12.00			ISCI 631	Introduction to Complementary and Integrative Health	1.50
Trimester 8			ISCI 667	Science of Addictions	3.00
AOM 748	Special Clinical Techniques of Chinese Medicine	0.75	ISCI 671	Physical Activity and Health	3.00
AOM 790B8	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group	1.00	NUTR 602	Nutrition: Food and Balance	3.00
AOM 790C8	Supervised Clinical Practice	5.75	NUTR 614	Human Nutrition I: Macronutrients	3.00
IHM 763	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine IV	2.00	Subtotal 3.00		
ISCI 758B	Biomedical Integration of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine II	3.00	OPTIONAL LEVEL III COURSES⁶		
Subtotal 12.50			AOM 710	Theory: NCCAOM Review Elective	0.00
Trimester 9			Total Program Credits⁶ 128.25		
AOM 758	Clinical Observations: Case Presentations	1.00	Total Program Hours⁶ 2,385.00		
AOM 790B9	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group	1.00	¹ Credit hour conversion:		
AOM 790C9	Supervised Clinical Practice	5.75	15 hours (lecture) =1 semester credit;		
AOM 7EXI	Oral Exam: Level III	0.00	30 hours (lab) =1 semester credit;		
APP 710	Becoming a Healing Presence V: Principles in Practice	1.50	45 hours (independent study) =1 semester credit.		

² AOM 776A and AOM 776B are taken in trimester 6 and 7 for fall intakes and trimesters 5 and 6 for spring intakes.

³ Students select from multiple advanced course topics to fulfill

the requirement for their senior selection.

⁴ While the program can be completed in three years, this course of study illustrates how students are allowed to progress through clinic at a more moderate pace and extend their clinical practice beyond Trimester 9 if necessary.

⁵ The term "Flex Core" indicates that students may elect when to complete required credits and/or hours. ISCI 615 and ISCI 636 are required credit courses that students may take during any trimester they are offered.

⁶ Total hours and credits do not include Optional Level III Courses or extended clinic coursework (AOM 790G) in trimesters 10 and 11.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to all graduate academic programs applicants must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.* Applicants must submit an official transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended. Please refer to the Application Requirements section for a detailed list of required application materials.

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Health Requirements

Students must meet certain health requirements to participate in the clinical phase of this program. For specific requirements, please refer to the Health, Training, and Other Requirements section of the catalog.

Program Format

The Master of Acupuncture is offered in a hybrid daytime format with primarily on-campus courses and a few online courses. It is designed to be completed in three years and eight months across 11 trimesters with a 14-week schedule per trimester. An additional week is designated for makeup classes, if necessary. The program may be completed in as few as nine trimesters, or students may progress at a more moderate pace and extend their clinical practice beyond trimester 11 if necessary.

For programs that begin in the fall, class times are generally 8:45 a.m. –5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. For programs that begin in the spring, class times are generally 8:45 a.m.–5 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays.

There are occasional scheduling exceptions for intensives, electives, non-credit requirements, and other special courses as described below. Students must plan ahead to clear work schedules and commitments to be available to attend all courses as required.

Online courses offer flexibility for the student, and run asynchronously throughout each trimester. The syllabus for each course will provide details about weekly lessons and include expectations, due dates for assignments, and required participation. More information about MUIH's online format is available on www.muih.edu.

INTENSIVES

The program begins with a three-day intensive and has a few weekend intensives throughout the first nine trimesters. Most weekend intensives are 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. See www.muih.edu for more information.

ELECTIVES

Elective course offerings are typically bioscience (ISCI) courses held Mondays from 6–9 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m.–12 p.m., and weekends (generally two weekends consisting of Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday), with some online availability. Offerings vary by trimester.

NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

This program includes eight non-credit requirements, which will be explained in greater detail in the first and second trimesters:

- Acupuncture Treatment: Students are required to receive ongoing acupuncture treatment
- AOM 014 Five Element Project
- AOM 095 Orientation to Clinic
- AOM 096 Pre Clinic Retreat
- AOM 6EXI Comprehensive Exam Level II
- AOM 7EXI Oral Exam Level III
- MUIH 500 University Wide Orientation for New Students
- MUIH 550 Academic Research and Scholarship

Additional Information

Laws and Licensure

Completion of the Master of Acupuncture program does not automatically qualify graduates to begin practicing independently. Each state, including Maryland, has specific licensure or registration procedures that must be met. There may be a waiting period between the completion of the program and the legal recognition allowing you to begin practice. Until a graduate receives official notification of legal recognition to begin practice, she or he may continue to practice only under faculty supervision. Students who wish to continue to practice in Maryland after graduating, but prior to being licensed, must enroll in MUIH's Trainee Program.

Most states require successful completion of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine exam. For more information, refer to www.nccaom.org.

Graduates wishing to practice in Maryland may be licensed by applying to the Maryland Board of Acupuncture.

Maryland University of Integrative Health is approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award a Master of Acupuncture degree, and the program conforms to Maryland laws and regulations regarding the practice of acupuncture.

GENERAL

Governmental laws, regulations, legal opinions, and requirements differ from country to country and state to state. The University cannot provide assurance that completion of the program will qualify a graduate to be registered or accepted under a state law other than Maryland. However, the University's Master of Acupuncture program is designed to provide basic, solid competence in traditional acupuncture.

MARYLAND ACUPUNCTURE LICENSES

For requirements for licensure in Maryland, contact:

Maryland Board of Acupuncture

4201 Patterson Avenue, Room 311

Baltimore, MD 21215

410-764-4766 or 800-530-2481

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Qualified MUIH alumni who have completed the following course of study required by the California Acupuncture Board are currently eligible to take the CA Acupuncture Licensing Examination.

Effective January 1, 2005, the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination requires students to complete a total of 3000 hours (2050 hours of didactic instruction and 950 hours of clinical instruction) in the following areas:

Basic Sciences	350
<i>to include: Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics, Biology, Nutrition, Pathology and Pathophysiology</i>	
Oriental Medicine Principals and Treatment	1255
<i>to include 450 hours of instruction in Chinese Herbal Medical Principles and Theory</i>	
Clinical Medicine, Patient Assessment and Diagnosis	240
Case Management	90
Practice Management	45
Public Health	40
Professional Development	30
Clinical Practice	950

Students who wish to take the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination must complete the following additional requirements. Please note that these requirements are above

and beyond what is required to complete MUIH's Master of Acupuncture degree program and that there may be some additional fees associated with completion of these requirements:

- Chinese Herbal Certificate: 450 hours of didactic instruction and 210 hours of clinical instruction
- AOM CA701 California Supplemental Information I
- AOM CA702 California Supplemental Information II
- AOM 794 Collaborative Care
- CPR: A minimum of eight (8) hours in first aid and adult/child CPR from the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other organization with an equivalent course approved by the California Acupuncture Board.
- Self-identified California tracked students must comply with California supervisory requirements by treating on specified California tracked treatment slots.
- Recommended elective coursework: ISCI 667: The Science of Addiction

The Integrative Health Sciences department at MUIH provides most of the California-required science coursework within the core science courses in the Master of Acupuncture program. MUIH reviews California's requirements on an ongoing basis and adjusts course offerings as needed.

If any of the above coursework is to be completed at an institution other than MUIH, the Academic Director of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine programs must approve the course. Appropriate documentation must also be submitted to the Office of the Registrar before such coursework may be included in the student's academic file and official transcript. Students planning to seek licensure in California must speak to the Associate Director of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine to insure that their course of study meets all requirements to sit the California Licensing Examination.

A student entering MUIH can use undergraduate bioscience coursework to fulfill California Basic Science Requirements. If the student does not have bioscience courses in their undergraduate degree program, AOM bioscience courses will cover all requirements with the exception of psychology with counselling skills and organic chemistry including biochemistry. Any student planning to apply to sit the California Acupuncture Licensing Exam will need to complete this coursework while matriculated at MUIH. The face-to-face courses can be taken at MUIH or another accredited college (as approved by the Academic Director).

Please contact the Associate Director of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine programs or see the California Acupuncture Board website for additional information regarding requirements to sit for the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination.

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REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER STATES

For eligibility to apply for licensure, other states may stipulate additional requirements, such as completion of a course in Chinese herbs or clinical hours beyond what is required by MUIH. For information about licensure procedures in specific states, please contact the medical or acupuncture regulating agency in each state.

Resources

COUNCIL OF COLLEGES OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (CCAOM)

CCAOM was established in 1982. The primary mission of the Council is to advance acupuncture and Oriental medicine by promoting educational excellence within the field. In furtherance of this mission, the Council supports the development and improvement of educational programs in acupuncture and Oriental medicine, and develops recommended curricula for degree, diploma, and other educational programs. It supports and fosters academic freedom and a diversity of educational approaches within the field. It encourages scientific research, innovative teaching methodology, and faculty development, and provides a forum for discussion of issues relevant to member colleges. The Council also serves as an information resource for member colleges, other colleges and organizations, regulatory agencies, and the public. It encourages ethical business practices among member colleges and works with accreditation, certification, licensing and regulatory agencies to develop appropriate educational standards and requirements. It also promotes increased public access to high quality health care provided by well-trained practitioners of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

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ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (ACAOM)

The Board of the CCAOM established ACAOM in 1982. ACAOM, working under existing guidelines for similar accreditation commissions at a national level, acts as an independent body to evaluate schools and colleges of acupuncture and Oriental medicine for the purpose of establishing and maintaining high standards and ethical business practices. The Commission is recognized as a specialized accrediting agency by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.

Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

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952-212-2434
www.acaom.org

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (NCCAOM)

NCCAOM, the only nationally recognized certification body in the United States for acupuncture, Chinese herbology, Oriental medicine, and Asian bodywork therapy, was established in 1982. NCCAOM's mission is to establish, assess, and promote recognized standards of competence and safety in acupuncture, Chinese herbology, Asian bodywork therapy, and Oriental medicine for the protection and benefit of the public. The Board of Commissioners consists of nine practitioners who are elected by other diplomats, or are appointed if a vacancy arises mid-year. Additionally, the Board includes two public members, who serve to ensure NCCAOM's commitment to the public. Over 16,000 diplomates are currently certified through NCCAOM, which is a member of the National Organization for Competency Assurance, and which is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (AAAOM)

AAAOM is a national membership organization dedicated to promoting excellence and integrity in the professional practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine in order to enhance public health and well-being. The AAAOM is committed to high ethical and educational standards and to ensuring the safety of the public. As part of its purpose, the AAAOM seeks to advance the professional field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and to educate and serve as a resource to legislators, regulators, and the general public regarding the nature and scope of the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

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MASTER OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE PROGRAM

Program Overview

The Master of Oriental Medicine integrates MUIH's Master of Acupuncture and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Chinese Herbs into one graduate curriculum. It is designed to blend ancient healing traditions with contemporary science as the basis for treating the whole person. The program provides a comprehensive understanding of the classical and theoretical foundations of the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine, provides a focus on the Constitutional Five Element Acupuncture tradition and Eight Principle treatment strategies, and introduces students to biomedicine from an integrative and holistic perspective, as needed for the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

The program emphasizes self-cultivation and “healership” – providing a rigorous, transformative, and relationship-centered curriculum that guides students to choose their words and actions intentionally, in order to be a healing presence that supports their patients. The program also provides a solid foundation in practice management and the skills necessary to build a practice or enter the work force and participate in today's growing healthcare field.

Purpose

The mission of the Master of Oriental Medicine program is to draw upon ancient wisdom, the gifts of nature, and science to educate and develop highly skillful and compassionate practitioners who offer acupuncture as a catalyst for healing and wellness, as well as increased self-awareness and personal transformation. This mission serves the evolution of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and its integration into the wider field of health care by advancing new paradigms of healing and wellness.

MUIH's Master of Oriental Medicine program is unique in its integration of Constitutional Five Element perspectives, classical Chinese medicine, Eight Principle diagnosis, and Zang-Fu differentiation.

Goals

Students who complete the program will:

- Possess a comprehensive and integrated understanding of the classical and theoretical foundations of the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine
- Possess a well-rounded knowledge of the theory and philosophy of Chinese herbal medicine, its rich history, and contemporary applications
- Possess an understanding of biomedicine from an integrative and holistic perspective
- Grow personally and professionally, and develop a “healing presence”

- Serve clients at all levels of being – body, mind, and spirit
- Be able to specialize in the treatment of certain health conditions and populations, including pain management and women's health
- Possess the business and practice management skills to ensure their success as they enter the workforce

Please note: To view the expanded educational objectives, please visit: www.muih.edu

Curriculum Overview

Students progress through three levels of training, each with an overarching theme that guides program goals and objectives. The trimesters flow and build from one to the next, and the coursework is sequenced to provide a rich and transformative educational experience, as summarized below.

Level I

Level I begins with an intensive on healership that introduces students to the art, practice, and science of being a healing presence. Students are introduced to MUIH's foundational philosophical principles, living within the rhythms of nature, living with mindfulness and the skillful and purposeful use of language as tools for being a powerful healing presence and catalyst for change. This intensive is followed by coursework designed to open up the power of observation and sensory awareness. Other topics in Level I include:

- The foundational laws and theories that underpin the field of acupuncture and oriental medicine
- Diagnostic skills development
- Rapport building skills development
- Surface anatomy and point location
- History of acupuncture and an introduction to the classical texts
- Ethics
- Orientation to information literacy
- Philosophy, practice, and therapeutic application of qi through the study of classical self-cultivation practices (such as Tai Ji, Qi Gong, and Daoist meditation)

Level II

Level II coursework delves deeper into the topics introduced in Level I, focusing on theory, diagnosis, treatment planning, and skills development. Students continue to observe clinical practice throughout Level II, and begin supervised clinical work as well as Chinese herbs courses. Each student trains at the on-campus faculty-supervised clinic and at the off-campus Community Clinic Sites. Near the end of this level, each student will take the Level II Comprehensive Exam. Upon passing the exam, the student may begin the expanded clinical portion of the program.

Level III

Level III begins with a three-day off-campus retreat. The retreat serves as a bridge between the academic work of Levels I and II, and the clinical experience of Level III. During the retreat, students reflect on their clinical transition and build community with peers who will practice with them in the faculty-supervised clinic. Over the course of Level III, each student generates a minimum of 10 acupuncture patients, and completes, under supervision, a minimum of 250 acupuncture treatments. In addition, each student performs at least 180 treatments on acupuncture patients at Community Clinic Sites (begun in Level II). The Chinese herbs clinic consists of 210 hours, including direct diagnostic calibration, treatment planning, and extensive practical dispensary training. In addition to the increased clinical focus, Level III coursework focuses more deeply on advanced topics in theory, diagnosis, treatment planning, and skills development.

During the final stages of clinic work, each student must pass an oral exam with a panel of senior faculty that demonstrates the student's embodied knowledge and skills in the realm of Chinese medicine. Students may graduate upon completion of all coursework, clinical, and other academic requirements.

Course of Study

LEVEL I

Number	Course Title	Credits ¹
Trimester 1		
AOM 601	History of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	2.00
AOM 611	Foundations of Oriental Medicine I	2.00
AOM 631	Diagnostic Skills I	1.50
AOM 681	Self-Cultivation I	0.50
APP 612	Becoming a Healing Presence: "Healership"	1.50
APP 613	Becoming a Healing Presence I: Qualities and Practices	1.50
IHM 611	Practice Management: Ethics for the Wellness Professional	1.50
ISCI 640	Clinical Anatomy: Regional and Surface Anatomy	3.00
MUIH 500	Online Orientation	0.00
MUIH 550	Academic Research and Scholarship	0.00
Subtotal		13.50

Number	Course Title	Credits ¹
Trimester 2		
AOM 612A	Foundations of Oriental Medicine II	2.00
AOM 612B	Constitutional Five Element Acupuncture I	2.00
AOM 622	Point Location I	3.00
AOM 632	Diagnostic Skills II	1.00
AOM 682	Self-Cultivation II	0.50
APP 614	Becoming a Healing Presence II: Transformation Language	1.50
ISCI 547A	Physiology I: Healthy Function	3.00
ISCI 754	Safe Practices	2.00
Subtotal		15.00

LEVEL II

Trimester 3

AOM 613A	Foundations of Oriental Medicine III	1.50
AOM 613B	Constitutional Five Element Acupuncture II	2.50
AOM 623	Point Location II	3.00
AOM 633	Diagnostic Interaction	1.25
AOM 643	Treatment Skills I	1.00
AOM 653	Clinical Observation I	0.75
AOM 683	Self-Cultivation III	0.50
AOM 690A	Introduction to Community Acupuncture and Supervised Community Practice I	0.50
ISCI 701	Introduction to Statistics, Research Design & Information Literacy in Integrative Health	3.00
Subtotal		15.00

Trimester 4

AOM 014	Five Element Project	0.00
AOM 095	Orientation to Clinical Practice	0.00
AOM 614	Patterns of Disharmony I	2.00
AOM 614B	Visiting Scholar Intensive I	1.00
AOM 624	Point Location III	3.00
AOM 634A	Clinical Intake: Interview and Exam	2.50
AOM 634B	Diagnostic Skills Lab I	0.75
AOM 654	Clinical Observation II	0.75
AOM 683	Self-Cultivation III	0.50
AOM 690B	Supervised Community Practice II	0.25
NUTR 676	Chinese and Western Nutrition Therapy	2.00
Subtotal		12.75

Trimester 5 ⁶

Number	Course Title	Credits ¹	Number	Course Title	Credits ¹
AOM 615A	Patterns of Disharmony II	2.00	Trimester 8		
AOM 615B	Treatment Planning and Design	2.00	AOM 748	Special Clinical Techniques of Chinese Medicine	0.75
AOM 615C	Point Functions and Applications	3.00	AOM 790B	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group ⁸	1.00
AOM 625	Point Location IV	2.00	AOM 790C	Supervised Clinical Practice ⁸	5.75
AOM 635	Diagnostic Skills Lab II	0.50	CHP 610A	History of Chinese Herbal Medicine	0.25
AOM 645	Clinical Theatre Lab	0.50	CHP 621	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory I	4.25
AOM 655	Clinical Theatre	1.00	IHM 763	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine IV	2.00
AOM 685	Self-Cultivation IV	0.50	ISCI 758B	Biomedical Integration of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine II	3.00
AOM 690C	Supervised Community Practice II	0.25	Subtotal		
AOM 6EXI	Level Two Comprehensive Exam	0.00	17.00		
AOM 790C	Supervised Clinical Practice ⁵	0.50	Trimester 9		
IHM 660	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine I	1.00	AOM 758	Clinical Observations: Case Presentations	1.00
Subtotal		13.25	AOM 790B	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group ⁹	1.00
LEVEL III			AOM 790C	Supervised Clinical Practice ⁹	5.75
Trimester 6			AOM 7EXI	Oral Exam: Level III	0.00
AOM 096	Pre-Clinic Retreat	0.00	APP 710	Becoming a Healing Presence V: Principles in Practice	1.50
AOM 665	Physiology III: Integration with Oriental Medicine	1.00	CHP 622B	Five Element Theory & Herbal Integration I	2.50
AOM 726	Point Location V	2.00	CHP 642B	Clinical Theory in Practice II	0.25
AOM 746	Transforming and Healing Emotions	1.00	CHP 731A	Clinical Thought Process	0.50
AOM 776A	Five Element Theory Integration Intensive I ²	0.50	CHP 741A	Diagnostic Skills	0.50
AOM 790B	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group ⁶	1.00	Choose 3.0 of the following credits: ³		
AOM 790C	Supervised Clinical Practice ⁶	1.50	AOM 719A1	Pain Management in Oriental Medicine	3.00
APP 616	Becoming a Healing Presence IV: Supporting Others Through the Life Cycle	1.50	AOM 719A2	Women's Health in Oriental Medicine	3.00
IHM 661	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine II	1.50	AOM 719A3	Five Element Clinical Intensive	3.00
ISCI 647B	Physiology II: Movement Away from Health	3.00	Subtotal		
Subtotal		13.0	16.00		
Trimester 7			Trimester 10⁴		
AOM 717A	Visiting Scholar Intensive II	1.00	AOM 790G	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.00
AOM 717B	Advanced Treatment Planning	2.00	CHP 622C	Five Element Theory & Herbal Integration II	4.75
AOM 747	Advanced Treatment Skills	0.75	CHP 642C	Clinical Theory in Practice III	0.50
AOM 776B	Five Element Theory Integration Intensive II ²	0.50	CHP 760	Clinical Orientation	0.25
AOM 790B7	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group	1.00	Subtotal		
AOM 790C7	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.25	5.50		
HRB 645	Foundations of Toxicology and Herb-Drug Interactions	3.00	Trimester 11⁴		
IHM 762	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine III	1.50	AOM 790G	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.00
ISCI 758A	Biomedical Integration of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine I	2.00	CHP 711A	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory II	3.50
Subtotal		15.00	CHP 721A	Clinical Internship	2.00
			CHP 731B	Clinical Thought Process	0.50
			CHP 770A	Pharmacy Practicum	0.25
			CHP 780A	Core Group I	0.50
			Subtotal		
			6.75		

Trimester 12⁴		
AOM 790G	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.00
CHP 711B	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory II	4.50
CHP 721B	Clinical Internship	2.50
CHP 770B	Pharmacy Practicum	0.25
CHP 780B	Core Group II	0.25
Subtotal		7.50

Trimester 13⁴		
AOM 790G	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.00
CHP 711C	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory II	4.75
CHP 721C	Clinical Internship	2.50
CHP 770C	Pharmacy Practicum	0.50
CHP 780C	Core Group III	0.25
Subtotal		8.00

Flex Core⁵		
AOM 716	Writing a Case Report ⁶	1.00
ISCI 615	Mind Body Science	3.00
ISCI 636	Integrative Science of Acupuncture	3.00
Subtotal		7.00

BIOSCIENCE ELECTIVES

Choose 3.00 credits in bioscience electives. Elective offerings vary by trimester and are subject to change. Please refer to the Schedule of Courses for an update to date list of elective offerings.

Sample electives include:

Number	Course Title	Credits
IHED 637	Principles and Practices of Health Behavior and Self-Care	1.50
ISCI 610B	Introduction to Scientific Writing	1.50
ISCI 630A	Survey of Complementary Health Approaches	3.00
ISCI 631	Introduction to Complementary and Integrative Health	1.50
ISCI 667	Science of Addictions	3.00
ISCI 671	Physical Activity and Health	3.00
NUTR 602	Nutrition: Food and Balance	3.00
NUTR 614	Human Nutrition I: Macronutrients	3.00
Subtotal		3.00

OPTIONAL LEVEL III COURSES⁷

AOM 710	Theory: NCCAOM Review Elective	0.00
Total Program Credits⁷		168.25
Total Program Hours⁷		3,067.50

¹Credit hour conversion:

15 hours (lecture) =1 semester credit;

30 hours (lab) =1 semester credit;

45 hours (independent study) =1 semester credit.

² AOM 776A and AOM 776B are taken in trimester 6 and 7 for fall intakes and trimesters 5 and 6 for spring intakes.

³ Students select from multiple advanced course topics to fulfill the requirement for Senior Selection.

⁴ While the acupuncture portion of the program can be completed in three years, this course of study illustrates how students are allowed to progress through their acupuncture clinical requirements at a more moderate pace and extend their clinical practice beyond Trimester 9 if necessary. AOM 790G is an optional extended clinic course for trimesters 10, 11, 12, and 13.

⁵ The term “Flex Core” indicates that students may elect when to complete required credits and/or hours ISCI 615 and ISCI 636 are required credit courses that students may take during any trimester they are offered.

⁶ AOM 716 must be taken Trimester 8 or later.

⁷ Total program hours do not include hours for Optional Level III Courses or extended clinic coursework (AOM 790G) in trimesters 10, 11, 12 and 13.

⁸ This course of study illustrates the recommended progression of courses for fall intakes, with Chinese Herbs courses beginning in Trimester 8. Spring intakes should plan to take all Chinese Herbs courses one trimester earlier than fall intakes.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to all graduate academic programs applicants must have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.* Applicants must submit an official transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended. Please refer to the Application Requirements section for a detailed list of required application materials.

* If the bachelor’s degree was not completed at a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting body, or recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, copies of the institution’s academic catalog and course syllabi may be requested. Please refer to the International Students section for additional information.

Health Requirements

Students must meet certain health requirements to participate in the clinical phase of this program. For specific requirements, please refer to the Health, Training, and Other Requirements section of the catalog.

Program Format

The Master of Oriental Medicine is offered in a hybrid daytime format with primarily on campus courses and a few online courses. The program is designed to be completed in four years and four months (13 trimesters) if started in the fall, or four years (12 trimesters) if started in the spring. Classes are held on a 14-week schedule per trimester with an additional week designated for makeup classes, if necessary.

An accelerated format of this program is also available. Students beginning the program in the fall may complete the program in as few as 10 trimesters, and students beginning the program in the spring may complete the program in as few as nine trimesters. Students seeking this option must contact their academic advisor at the start of trimester three to apply.

For programs that begin in the fall, class times are generally 8:45 a.m.–5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. For programs that begin in the spring, class times are generally 8:45 a.m.–5 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays.

There are occasional scheduling exceptions for intensives, electives, non-credit requirements, and other special courses as described below. Students must plan ahead to clear work schedules and commitments to be available to attend all courses as required.

Online courses offer flexibility for the student, and run asynchronously throughout each trimester. The syllabus for each course will provide details about weekly lessons and include expectations, due dates for assignments, and required participation. More information about MUIH's online format is available on www.muih.edu.

INTENSIVES

The program begins with a three-day intensive and has a few weekend intensives throughout the 13 trimesters. Most weekend intensives are 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. See www.muih.edu for more information.

CHINESE HERBS COURSES

The Chinese herbs portion of the Master of Oriental Medicine program consists of 37 credits delivered as two- to three-day weekends (Friday-Sunday), starting in Level II. Please refer to the Course of Study and the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Chinese Herbs for more information.

ELECTIVES

Elective course offerings are typically bioscience (ISCI) courses held on Mondays from 6–9 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m.–12 p.m., and weekends (generally two weekends consisting of Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday), with some online availability. Offerings vary by trimester.

NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

This program includes eight non-credit requirements, which will be explained in greater detail in the first and second trimesters:

- Acupuncture Treatment: Students are required to receive ongoing acupuncture treatment
- AOM 014 Five Element Project
- AOM 095 Orientation to Clinic
- AOM 096 Pre Clinic Retreat
- AOM 6EXI Comprehensive Exam Level II
- AOM 7EXI Oral Exam Level III
- MUIH 500 University Wide Orientation for New Students
- MUIH 550 Academic Research and Scholarship

Additional Information

Laws and Licensure

Completion of the Master of Oriental Medicine program does not automatically qualify graduates to begin practicing independently. Each state, including Maryland, has specific licensure or registration procedures that must be met. There may be a waiting period between the completion of the program and the legal recognition allowing you to begin practice. Until a graduate receives official notification of legal recognition to begin practice, she or he may continue to practice only under faculty supervision. Students who wish to continue to practice in Maryland after graduating, but prior to being licensed, must enroll in MUIH's Trainee Program.

Most states require successful completion of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine exam. For more information, refer to www.nccaom.org.

Graduates wishing to practice in Maryland may be licensed by applying to the Maryland Board of Acupuncture.

Maryland University of Integrative Health is approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award a Master of Oriental Medicine degree, and the program conforms to Maryland laws and regulations regarding the practice of acupuncture.

GENERAL

Governmental laws, regulations, legal opinions, and requirements differ from country to country and state to state. The University cannot provide assurance that completion of the program will qualify a graduate to be registered or accepted under a state law other than Maryland. However, the University's Master of Oriental Medicine program is designed to provide basic, solid competence in traditional acupuncture and Chinese herbs.

MARYLAND ACUPUNCTURE LICENSES

For requirements for licensure in Maryland, contact:

Maryland Board of Acupuncture

4201 Patterson Avenue, Room 311

Baltimore, MD 21215

410-764-4766 or 800-530-2481

dhmh.state.md.us/bacc

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Qualified MUIH alumni who have completed the following course of study required by the California Acupuncture Board are currently eligible to take the CA Acupuncture Licensing Examination.

Effective January 1, 2005, the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination requires students to complete a total of 3000 hours (2050 hours of didactic instruction and 950 hours of clinical instruction) in the following areas:

Basic Sciences	350
<i>to include: Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics, Biology, Nutrition, Pathology and Pathophysiology</i>	
Oriental Medicine Principals and Treatment	1255
<i>to include 450 hours of instruction in Chinese Herbal Medical Principles and Theory</i>	
Clinical Medicine, Patient Assessment and Diagnosis	240
Case Management	90
Practice Management	45
Public Health	40
Professional Development	30
Clinical Practice	950

Students who wish to take the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination must complete the following additional requirements. Please note that these requirements are above and beyond what is required to complete MUIH's Master of Oriental Medicine degree program and that there may be some additional fees associated with completion of these requirements:

- AOM CA701 California Supplemental Information I
- AOM CA702 California Supplemental Information II
- AOM 794 Collaborative Care
- CPR: A minimum of eight (8) hours in first aid and adult/child CPR from the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other organization with an equivalent course approved by the California Acupuncture Board.
- Self-identified California tracked students must comply with California supervisory requirements by treating on specified California tracked treatment slots.
- Recommended elective coursework: ISCI 667: The Science of Addiction

The Integrative Health Sciences department at MUIH provides

most of the California-required science coursework within the core science courses in the Master of Oriental Medicine program. MUIH reviews California's requirements on an ongoing basis and adjusts course offerings as needed.

If any of the above coursework is to be completed at an institution other than MUIH, the Academic Director of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine programs must approve the course. Appropriate documentation must also be submitted to the Office of the Registrar before such coursework may be included in the student's academic file and official transcript. Students planning to seek licensure in California must speak to the Associate Director to insure that their course of study meets all requirements to sit the California Licensing Examination.

A student entering MUIH can use undergraduate bioscience coursework to fulfill California Basic Science Requirements. If the student does not have bioscience courses in their undergraduate degree program, AOM bioscience courses will cover all requirements with the exception of psychology with counselling skills and organic chemistry including biochemistry. Any student planning to apply to sit the California Acupuncture Licensing Exam will need to complete this coursework while matriculated at MUIH. The face-to-face courses can be taken at MUIH or another accredited college (as approved by the Academic Director).

Please contact the Associate Director of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine programs or see the California Acupuncture Board website for additional information regarding requirements to sit for the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination.

California Acupuncture Board

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Sacramento, CA 95834

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REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER STATES

For eligibility to apply for licensure, other states may stipulate additional requirements, such as completion of a course in Chinese herbs or clinical hours beyond what is required by MUIH. For information about licensure procedures in specific states, please contact the medical or acupuncture regulating agency in each state.

Resources

COUNCIL OF COLLEGES OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (CCAOM)

CCAOM was established in 1982. The primary mission of the Council is to advance acupuncture and Oriental medicine by promoting educational excellence within the field. In furtherance of this mission, the Council supports the development and improvement of educational programs in acupuncture and Oriental medicine, and develops recommended curricula for degree, diploma, and other educational programs. It supports and fosters academic freedom and a diversity of educational approaches within the field. As well, it encourages scientific research, innovative teaching methodology, and faculty development, and provides a forum for discussion of issues relevant to member colleges. The Council also serves as an information resource for member colleges, other colleges and organizations, regulatory agencies, and the public. It encourages ethical business practices among member colleges and works with accreditation, certification, licensing and regulatory agencies to develop appropriate educational standards and requirements. It also promotes increased public access to high quality health care provided by well-trained practitioners of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

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www.ccaom.org

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (ACAOM)

The Board of the CCAOM established ACAOM in 1982. ACAOM, working under existing guidelines for similar accreditation commissions at a national level, acts as an independent body to evaluate schools and colleges of acupuncture and Oriental medicine for the purpose of establishing and maintaining high standards and ethical business practices. The Commission is recognized as a specialized accrediting agency by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.

Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

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Laurel, MD 20708
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NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR

ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (NCCAOM)

NCCAOM, the only nationally recognized certification body in the United States for acupuncture, Chinese herbology, Oriental medicine, and Asian bodywork therapy, was established in 1982. NCCAOM's mission is to establish, assess, and promote recognized standards of competence and safety in acupuncture, Chinese herbology, Asian bodywork therapy, and Oriental medicine for the protection and benefit of the public. The Board of Commissioners consists of nine practitioners who are elected by other diplomats, or are appointed if a vacancy arises mid-year. Additionally, the Board includes two public members, who serve to ensure NCCAOM's commitment to the public. Over 16,000 diplomates are currently certified through NCCAOM, which is a member of the National Organization for Competency Assurance, and which is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

76 S. Laura Street, Suite 1290
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (AAAOM)

AAAOM is a national membership organization dedicated to promoting excellence and integrity in the professional practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine, in order to enhance public health and well-being. The AAAOM is committed to high ethical and educational standards and to ensuring the safety of the public. As part of its purpose, the AAAOM seeks to advance the professional field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and to educate and serve as a resource to legislators, regulators, and the general public regarding the nature and scope of the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

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DOCTOR OF ACUPUNCTURE

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The Doctor of Acupuncture builds on the outcomes and competencies of the Master of Acupuncture with the addition of 28 doctoral-specific competencies in the domains of research literacy, advanced diagnostic studies, systems-based medicine, and professional development, along with an enhanced clinical training. The Doctor of Acupuncture prepares graduates to work in a multitude of clinical environments, including integrative healthcare settings.

Purpose

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Goals

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- Serve clients at all levels of being – body, mind, and spirit
- Be able to specialize in the treatment of certain health conditions and populations, including pain management and women's health
- Possess the business and practice management skills to ensure their success as they enter the workforce
- Develop a collaborative approach to health care
- Be able to communicate effectively with other health care providers regarding the results of diagnostic studies
- Be an effective clinician/educator in an integrative care setting
- Understand research and scholarship in the field of health and wellness

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- Ethics
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During the final stages of clinic work, each student must pass an oral exam with a panel of senior faculty that demonstrates the student's embodied knowledge and skills in the realm of Chinese medicine. In addition, students must complete evidence-informed case reports, and a more extensive case study, on their own patients. Students may graduate upon completion of all coursework, clinical, and other academic requirements.

Course of Study

LEVEL I

Number	Course Title	Credits ¹
Trimester 1		
AOM 601	History of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	2.00
AOM 611	Foundations of Oriental Medicine I	2.00
AOM 631	Diagnostic Skills I	1.50
AOM 681	Self-Cultivation I	0.50
APP 612	Becoming a Healing Presence: "Healership"	1.50
APP 613	Becoming a Healing Presence I: Qualities and Practices	1.50
IHM 611	Practice Management: Ethics for the Wellness Professional	1.50
ISCI 640	Clinical Anatomy Regional and Surface Anatomy	3.00
MUIH 500	Online Orientation	0.00
MUIH 550	Academic Research and Scholarship	0.00
Subtotal		13.50

Trimester 2

AOM 612A	Foundations of Oriental Medicine II	2.00
AOM 612B	Constitutional Five Element Acupuncture I	2.00
AOM 622	Point Location I	3.00
AOM 632	Diagnostic Skills II	1.00
AOM 682	Self-Cultivation II	0.50
APP 614	Becoming a Healing Presence II: Transformation Language	1.50
ISCI 547A	Physiology I: Healthy Function	3.00
ISCI 754	Safe Practices	2.00
Subtotal		15.00

LEVEL II

Number	Course Title	Credits ¹
Trimester 3		
AOM 613A	Foundations of Oriental Medicine III	1.50
AOM 613B	Constitutional Five Element Acupuncture II	2.50
AOM 623	Point Location II	3.00
AOM 633	Diagnostic Interaction	1.25
AOM 643	Treatment Skills I	1.00
AOM 653	Clinical Observation I	0.75
AOM 690A	Introduction to Community Acupuncture and Supervised Community Practice I	0.50
APP 615	Becoming a Healing Presence III: The Power of Rapport and Skillful Inquiry	1.50
ISCI 701	Introduction to Statistics, Research Design & Information Literacy in Integrative Health	3.00
Subtotal		15.00

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Trimester 4			Trimester 7		
AOM 014	Five Element Project	0.00	AOM 717A	Visiting Scholar Intensive II	1.00
AOM 095	Orientation to Clinical Practice	0.00	AOM 717B	Advanced Treatment Planning	2.00
AOM 614	Patterns of Disharmony I	2.00	AOM 747	Advanced Treatment Skills	0.75
AOM 614B	Visiting Scholar Intensive I	1.00	AOM 776B	Five Element Theory Integration Intensive II ²	0.50
AOM 624	Point Location III	3.00	AOM 790B7	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group	1.00
AOM 634A	Clinical Intake: Interview and Exam	2.50	AOM 790C7	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.25
AOM 634B	Diagnostic Skills Lab I	0.75	IHM 762	Practice Management The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine III	1.50
AOM 654	Clinical Observation II	0.75	ISCI 758A	Biomedical Integration of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine I	2.00
AOM 683	Self-Cultivation III	0.50			
AOM 690B	Supervised Community Practice II	0.25	Subtotal		12.00
NUTR 676	Chinese and Western Nutrition Therapy	2.00			
Subtotal		12.75			
Trimester 5			Trimester 8		
AOM 615A	Patterns of Disharmony II	2.00	AOM 748	Special Clinical Techniques of Chinese Medicine	0.75
AOM 615B	Treatment Planning and Design	2.00	AOM 790B8	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group	1.00
AOM 615C	Point Functions and Applications	3.00	AOM 790C8	Supervised Clinical Practice	5.75
AOM 625	Point Location IV	2.00	IHM 763	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine IV	2.00
AOM 635	Diagnostic Skills Lab II	0.50	IHM 787	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment	0.25
AOM 645	Clinical Theatre Lab	0.50	ISCI 758B	Biomedical Integration of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine II	3.00
AOM 655	Clinical Theatre	1.00	Subtotal		12.75
AOM 685	Self-Cultivation IV	0.50			
AOM 690C	Supervised Community Practice II	0.25	Trimester 9		
AOM 6EXI	Level Two Comprehensive Exam	0.00	AOM 758	Clinical Observations: Case Presentations	1.00
AOM 790C5	Supervised Clinical Practice	0.50	AOM 790B9	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group	1.00
IHM 660	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine I	1.00	AOM 790C9	Supervised Clinical Practice	5.75
Subtotal		13.25	AOM 794	Collaborative Care	2.00
			AOM 7EXI	Oral Exam: Level III	0.00
LEVEL III			APP 710	Becoming a Healing Presence V: Principles in Practice	1.50
Trimester 6			IHM 787	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment	0.25
AOM 096	Pre-Clinic Retreat	0.00	Choose 3.0 of the following credits: ³		
AOM 665	Physiology III: Integration with Oriental Medicine	1.00	AOM 719A1	Pain Management in Oriental Medicine	3.00
AOM 726	Point Location V	2.00	AOM 719A2	Women's Health in Oriental Medicine	3.00
AOM 746	Transforming and Healing Emotions	1.00	AOM 719A3	Five Element Clinical Intensive	3.00
AOM 776A	Five Element Theory Integration Intensive I ²	0.50	Subtotal		14.50
AOM 790B6	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group	1.00			
AOM 790C6	Supervised Clinical Practice	1.50	Trimester 10⁴		
APP 616	Becoming a Healing Presence IV: Supporting Others Through the Life Cycle	1.50	AOM 790G	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.00
IHM 661	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine II	1.50	FPD 779	Point Functions	2.00
ISCI 647B	Physiology II: Movement Away from Health	3.00	IHM 787	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment	0.25
Subtotal		13.00	ISCI 752	Advanced Diagnostic Studies	3.00
			ISCI 801	Designing Research in Clinical Practice	3.00
			Subtotal		11.25

Number	Course Title	Credits ¹
Trimester 11⁴		
AOM 790G	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.00
FPD 781	Qi Cultivation	1.50
IHED 777	Health Care Systems: From Macro to Micro	3.00
IHM 768	Advanced Practice Management	2.00
IHM 787	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment	0.25
Subtotal		7.75
Trimester 12		
FPD 790AC ⁵	Advanced Clinical Practice	3.00
Subtotal		3.00
Trimester 13		
FPD 790I	Supervised Advanced Clinical Practice: Integrative Medicine	1.00
Subtotal		1.00
FLEX CORE⁶		
IHM 787	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment	0.25
IHM 787C	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment: Case Report	0.25
ISCI 615	Mind Body Science	3.00
ISCI 636	Integrative Science of Acupuncture	3.00
Subtotal		6.50

¹Credit hour conversion:

15 hours (lecture) =1 semester credit;

30 hours (lab) =1 semester credit;

45 hours (independent study) =1 semester credit.

² AOM 776A and AOM 776B are taken in trimester 6 and 7 for fall intakes and trimesters 5 and 6 for spring intakes.

³ Students select from multiple advanced course topics to fulfill the requirement for Senior Selection.

⁴ While the program can be completed in three years and eight months, this course of study illustrates how students are allowed to progress through clinic at a more moderate pace and extend their clinical practice beyond Trimester 10 if necessary.

⁵ FPD 790AD Supervised Advanced Clinical Practice (2 credits) and FPD 790AE Supervised Advanced Clinical Practice (1 credit) made be substituted for FPD 790AC in any combination that totals 3 credits.

⁶ The term "Flex Core" indicates that students may elect when to complete required credits and/or hours. ISCI 615 and ISCI 636 are required credit courses that students may take during any trimester they are offered.

⁷ Total hours and credits do not include Optional Level III Courses or extended clinic coursework (AOM 790G).

Bioscience Electives

Choose 3.00 credits in bioscience electives. Elective offerings vary by trimester and are subject to change. Please refer to the Schedule of Courses for an up-to-date list of elective offerings.

Sample electives include:

Number	Course Title	Credits
IHED 637	Principles and Practices of Health Behavior and Self-Care	1.50
ISCI 610B	Introduction to Scientific Writing	1.50
ISCI 630A	Survey of Complementary Health Approaches	3.00
ISCI 631	Introduction to Complementary and Integrative Health	1.50
ISCI 667	Science of Addictions	3.00
ISCI 671	Physical Activity and Health	3.00
NUTR 602	Nutrition: Food and Balance	3.00
NUTR 614	Human Nutrition I: Macronutrients	3.00
Subtotal		3.00

OPTIONAL LEVEL III COURSES⁷

AOM 710	Theory: NCCAOM Review Elective	0.00
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Total Program Credits⁷ 150.25

Total Program Hours⁷ 2805.00

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to all graduate programs applicants must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.* Applicants must submit an official transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended. MUIH's Doctor of Acupuncture is a First Professional Doctorate degree. A student may enter the program with a bachelor's degree; a graduate degree is not required for admission.

Please refer to the Application Requirements section for a detailed list of required application materials.

* If the bachelor's degree was not completed at a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting body, or recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, copies of the institution's academic catalog and course syllabi may be requested. Please refer to the International Students section for additional information.

Health Requirements

Students must meet certain health requirements to participate in the clinical phase of this program. For specific requirements, please refer to the Health, Training, and Other Requirements section of the catalog.

Program Format

The Doctor of Acupuncture Program is a hybrid program with primarily on-campus courses and some online courses. The program is designed to be completed in four years and four months across 13 trimesters with a 14-week schedule per trimester. An additional week is designated for makeup classes, if necessary. The program may be completed in as few as 11 trimesters, or students are allowed to progress at a more moderate pace and extend their clinical practice beyond trimester 13 if necessary.

For programs that begin in the fall, class times are generally 8:45 a.m.–5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. For programs that begin in the spring, class times are generally 8:45 a.m.–5 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Upper-level, doctoral-only courses occurring in trimesters 8 and later are primarily weekend based when on campus or offered online.

There are occasional scheduling exceptions for intensives, electives, non-credit requirements, and other special courses as described below. Students must plan ahead to clear work schedules and commitments to be available to attend all courses as required.

Online courses offer flexibility for the student, and run asynchronously throughout each trimester. The syllabus for each course will provide details about weekly lessons and include expectations, due dates for assignments, and required participation. More information about MUIH's online format is available on www.muih.edu.

INTENSIVES

The program begins with a three-day intensive and has a few weekend intensives throughout the 13 trimesters. Most weekend intensives are 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. See www.muih.edu for more information.

ELECTIVES

Elective course offerings are typically bioscience (ISCI) courses held Mondays from 6–9 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m.–12 p.m., and weekends (generally two weekends consisting of Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday), with some online availability. Offerings vary by trimester.

NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

This program includes eight non-credit requirements, which will be explained in greater detail in the first and second trimesters:

- Acupuncture Treatment: Students are required to receive ongoing acupuncture treatment
- AOM 014 Five Element Project
- AOM 095 Orientation to Clinic
- AOM 096 Pre Clinic Retreat
- AOM 6EXI Comprehensive Exam Level II
- AOM 7EXI Oral Exam Level III
- MUIH 500 University Wide Orientation for New Students
- MUIH 550 Academic Research and Scholarship

Additional Information

Laws and Licensure

Completion of the Doctor of Acupuncture does not automatically qualify graduates to begin practicing independently. Each state, including Maryland, has specific licensure or registration procedures that must be met. There may be a waiting period between the completion of the program and the legal recognition allowing you to begin practice. Until a graduate receives official notification of legal recognition to begin practice, she or he may continue to practice only under faculty supervision. Students who wish to continue to practice in Maryland after graduating, but prior to being licensed, must enroll in MUIH's Trainee Program.

Most states require successful completion of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine exam. For more information, refer to www.nccaom.org.

Graduates wishing to practice in Maryland may be licensed by applying to the Maryland Board of Acupuncture.

Maryland University of Integrative Health is approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award the Doctor of Acupuncture degree, and the program conforms to Maryland laws and regulations regarding the practice of acupuncture.

GENERAL

Governmental laws, regulations, legal opinions, and requirements differ from country to country and state to state. The University cannot provide assurance that completion of the program will qualify a graduate to be registered or accepted under a state law other than Maryland. However, the University's Doctor of Acupuncture program is designed to provide basic, solid competence in traditional acupuncture.

MARYLAND ACUPUNCTURE LICENSES

For requirements for licensure in Maryland, contact:

Maryland Board of Acupuncture

4201 Patterson Avenue, Room 311

Baltimore, MD 21215

410-764-4766 or 800-530-2481

dhmh.state.md.us/bacc

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Qualified MUIH alumni who have completed the following course of study required by the California Acupuncture Board are currently eligible to take the CA Acupuncture Licensing Examination.

Effective January 1, 2005, the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination requires students to complete a total of 3000 hours (2050 hours of didactic instruction and 950 hours of clinical instruction) in the following areas:

Basic Sciences	350
<i>to include: Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics, Biology, Nutrition, Pathology and Pathophysiology</i>	
Oriental Medicine Principals and Treatment	1255
<i>to include 450 hours of instruction in Chinese Herbal Medical Principles and Theory</i>	
Clinical Medicine, Patient Assessment and Diagnosis	240
Case Management	90
Practice Management	45
Public Health	40
Professional Development	30
Clinical Practice	950

Students who wish to take the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination must complete the following additional requirements. Please note that these requirements are above and beyond what is required to complete MUIH's Doctorate of Acupuncture degree program and that there may be some additional fees associated with completion of these requirements:

- Chinese Herbal Certificate: 450 hours of didactic instruction and 210 hours of clinical instruction
- AOM CA701 California Supplemental Information I
- AOM CA702 California Supplemental Information II
- AOM 794 Collaborative Care
- CPR: A minimum of eight (8) hours in first aid and adult/child CPR from the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other organization with an equivalent course approved by the California Acupuncture Board.
- Self-identified California tracked students must comply with California supervisory requirements by treating on specified California tracked treatment slots.
- Recommended elective coursework: ISCI 667: The Science of Addiction

The Integrative Health Sciences department at MUIH provides most of the California-required science coursework within the core science courses in the Doctor of Acupuncture program. MUIH reviews California's requirements on an ongoing basis and adjusts course offerings as needed.

If any of the above coursework is to be completed at an institution other than MUIH, the Academic Director of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine programs must approve the course. Appropriate documentation must also be submitted to the Office of the Registrar before such coursework may be included in the student's academic file and official transcript.

Students planning to seek licensure in California must speak to the Associate Director to insure that their course of study meets all requirements to sit the California Licensing Examination.

A student entering MUIH can use undergraduate bioscience coursework to fulfill California Basic Science Requirements. If the student does not have bioscience courses in their undergraduate degree program, AOM bioscience courses will cover all requirements with the exception of psychology with counselling skills and organic chemistry including biochemistry. Any student planning to apply to sit the California Acupuncture Licensing Exam will need to complete this coursework while matriculated at MUIH. The face-to-face courses can be taken at MUIH or another accredited college (as approved by the Academic Director).

Please contact the Associate Director of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine programs or see the California Acupuncture Board website for additional information regarding requirements to sit for the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination.

California Acupuncture Board

1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 180
Sacramento, CA 95834
916-928-2204
www.acupuncture.ca.gov

REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER STATES

For eligibility to apply for licensure, other states may stipulate additional requirements, such as completion of a course in Chinese herbs or clinical hours beyond what is required by MUIH. For information about licensure procedures in specific states, please contact the medical or acupuncture regulating agency in each state.

Resources

COUNCIL OF COLLEGES OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (CCAOM)

CCAOM was established in 1982. The primary mission of the Council is to advance acupuncture and Oriental medicine by promoting educational excellence within the field. In furtherance of this mission, the Council supports the development and improvement of educational programs in acupuncture and Oriental medicine, and develops recommended curricula for degree, diploma, and other educational programs. It supports and fosters academic freedom and a diversity of educational approaches within the field. As well, it encourages scientific research, innovative teaching methodology, and faculty development, and provides a forum for discussion of issues relevant to member colleges. The Council also serves as an information resource for member colleges, other colleges and organizations, regulatory agencies, and the public. It encourages ethical business practices among member colleges and works with accreditation, certification, licensing and regulatory agencies to develop appropriate educational standards and requirements. It also promotes increased public access to high quality health care provided by well-trained practitioners of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

600 Wyndhurst Ave, Suite 112
Baltimore, MD 21210
410-464-6040
www.ccaom.org

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (ACAOM)

The Board of the CCAOM established ACAOM in 1982. ACAOM, working under existing guidelines for similar accreditation commissions at a national level, acts as an independent body to evaluate schools and colleges of acupuncture and Oriental medicine for the purpose of establishing and maintaining high standards and ethical business practices. The Commission is recognized as a specialized accrediting agency by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.

Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

8941 Aztec Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55347
952-212-2434
www.acaom.org

**NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR
ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (NCCAOM)**

NCCAOM, the only nationally recognized certification body in the United States for acupuncture, Chinese herbology, Oriental medicine, and Asian bodywork therapy, was established in 1982. NCCAOM's mission is to establish, assess, and promote recognized standards of competence and safety in acupuncture, Chinese herbology, Asian bodywork therapy, and Oriental medicine for the protection and benefit of the public. The Board of Commissioners consists of nine practitioners who are elected by other diplomats, or are appointed if a vacancy arises mid-year. Additionally, the Board includes two public members, who serve to ensure NCCAOM's commitment to the public. Over 16,000 diplomates are currently certified through NCCAOM, which is a member of the National Organization for Competency Assurance, and which is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

**National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and
Oriental Medicine**

76 S. Laura Street, Suite 1290
Jacksonville, FL 32202
904-598-1005
info@nccaom.org
www.nccaom.org

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ACUPUNCTURE AND
ORIENTAL MEDICINE (AAAOM)**

AAAOM is a national membership organization dedicated to promoting excellence and integrity in the professional practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine, in order to enhance public health and well-being. The AAAOM is committed to high ethical and educational standards and to ensuring the safety of the public. As part of its purpose, the AAAOM seeks to advance the professional field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and to educate and serve as a resource to legislators, regulators, and the general public regarding the nature and scope of the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

**American Association of Acupuncture and
Oriental Medicine**

9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814
866-455-7999
www.aaaomonline.org

DOCTOR OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE

Program Overview

Maryland University of Integrative Health's Doctor of Oriental Medicine degree is designed to blend ancient healing traditions with contemporary science as the basis for treating the whole person. The program provides a comprehensive understanding of the classical and theoretical foundations of the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine, provides a focus on the Constitutional Five Element Acupuncture tradition and Eight Principle treatment strategies, and introduces students to biomedicine from an integrative and holistic perspective, as needed for the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

The program emphasizes self-cultivation and “healership” – providing a rigorous, transformative, and relationship-centered curriculum that guides students to choose their words and actions intentionally, in order to be a healing presence that supports their patients. The program also provides a solid foundation in practice management and the skills necessary to build a practice or enter the work force and participate in today's growing healthcare field.

The Doctor of Oriental Medicine builds on the outcomes and competencies of the Master of Oriental Medicine program with the addition of 28 doctoral specific competencies in the domains of research literacy, advanced diagnostic studies, systems-based medicine, and professional development, along with an enhanced clinical training. The Doctor of Oriental Medicine program prepares graduates to work in a multitude of clinical environments, including integrative healthcare settings.

Purpose

The mission of the Doctor of Oriental Medicine program is to draw upon ancient wisdom, the gifts of nature, and science to educate and develop highly skillful and compassionate practitioners who offer acupuncture as a catalyst for healing and wellness, as well as increased self-awareness and personal transformation. This mission serves the evolution of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and its integration into the wider field of health care by advancing new paradigms of healing and wellness. The Doctor of Oriental Medicine program is designed to educate and develop graduates to meet the growing need and opportunities for well-trained Chinese medical practitioners to serve in numerous types of integrative medicine settings across the country.

Goals

Students who complete the program will:

- Possess a comprehensive and integrated understanding of the classical and theoretical foundations of the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine
- Possess a well-rounded knowledge of the theory and philosophy of Chinese herbal medicine, its rich history, and contemporary applications
- Possess an understanding of biomedicine from an integrative and holistic perspective
- Grow personally and professionally, and develop a “healing presence”
- Serve clients at all levels of being – body, mind, and spirit
- Be able to specialize in the treatment of certain health conditions and populations, including pain management and women's health
- Possess the business and practice management skills to ensure their success as they enter the workforce
- Develop a collaborative approach to health care
- Be able to communicate effectively with other health care providers regarding the results of diagnostic studies
- Be an effective clinician/educator in an integrative care setting
- Understand research and scholarship in the field of health and wellness

Please note: To view the expanded educational objectives, please visit: www.muih.edu

Curriculum Overview

Students progress through three levels of training, each with an overarching theme that guides program goals and objectives. The trimesters flow and build from one to the next, and the coursework is sequenced to provide a rich and transformative educational experience, as summarized below.

Level I

Level I begins with an intensive on healership that introduces students to the art, practice, and science of being a healing presence. Students are introduced to MUIH's foundational philosophical principles, living within the rhythms of nature, living with mindfulness and the skillful and purposeful use of language as tools for being a powerful healing presence and catalyst for change. This intensive is followed by coursework designed to open up the power of observation and sensory awareness. Other topics in Level I include:

- The foundational laws and theories that underpin the field of acupuncture and oriental medicine
- Diagnostic skills development
- Rapport building skills development

- Surface anatomy and point location
- History of acupuncture and an introduction to the classical texts
- Ethics
- Orientation to information literacy
- Philosophy, practice, and therapeutic application of qi through the study of classical self-cultivation practices (such as Tai Ji, Qi Gong, and Daoist meditation)

Level II

Level II coursework delves deeper into the topics introduced in Level I, focusing on theory, diagnosis, treatment planning, and skills development. Students continue to observe clinical practice throughout Level II, and begin supervised clinical work as well as Chinese herbs courses. Each student trains at the on-campus faculty-supervised clinic and at the off-campus Community Clinic Sites. Near the end of this level, each student will take the Level II Comprehensive Exam. Upon passing the exam, the student may begin the expanded clinical portion of the program.

Level III

Level III begins with a three-day off-campus retreat. The retreat serves as a bridge between the academic work of Levels I and II, and the clinical experience of Level III. During the retreat, students reflect on their clinical transition and build community with peers who will practice with them in the faculty-supervised clinic. Over the course of Level III, each student generates a minimum of 10 patients, and completes, under supervision, a minimum of 295 treatments. A portion of the completed treatments will take place in integrative healthcare settings that may be located off-campus. The Chinese herbs clinic consists of 210 hours, including direct diagnostic calibration treatment planning, and extensive practical dispensary training. Each student also performs at least 180 treatments on patients at Community Clinic Sites (begun in Level II). In addition to the increased clinical focus, Level III coursework focuses more deeply on advanced topics in theory, diagnosis, treatment planning, and skills development.

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Trimester 4			AOM 717A	Visiting Scholar Intensive II 1.00
AOM 014	Five Element Project	0.00	AOM 717B	Advanced Treatment Planning 2.00
AOM 095	Orientation to Clinical Practice	0.00	AOM 747	Advanced Treatment Skills 0.75
AOM 614	Patterns of Disharmony I	2.00	AOM 776B	Five Element Theory Integration Intensive II ² 0.50
AOM 614B	Visiting Scholar Intensive I	1.00	AOM 790B7	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group 1.00
AOM 624	Point Location III	3.00	AOM 790C7	Supervised Clinical Practice 3.25
AOM 634A	Clinical Intake: Interview and Exam	2.50	HRB 645	Foundations of Toxicology and Herb-Drug Interactions 3.00
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NUTR 676	Chinese and Western Nutrition Therapy	2.00		
Subtotal		12.75	Subtotal	15.00
Trimester 5⁶			Trimester 8⁹	
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AOM 615B	Treatment Planning and Design	2.00	AOM 790B8	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group 1.00
AOM 615C	Point Functions and Applications	3.00	AOM 790C8	Supervised Clinical Practice 5.75
AOM 625	Point Location IV	2.00	CHP 610A	History of Chinese Herbal Medicine 0.25
AOM 635	Diagnostic Skills Lab II	0.50	CHP 621	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory I 4.25
AOM 645	Clinical Theatre Lab	0.50	IHM 763	Practice Management: The Practice And Business of Oriental Medicine IV 2.00
AOM 655	Clinical Theatre	1.00	IHM 787	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment 0.25
AOM 685	Self-Cultivation IV	0.50	ISCI 758B	Biomedical Integration of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine II 3.00
AOM 690C	Supervised Community Practice II	0.25		
AOM 6EXI	Level Two Comprehensive Exam	0.00	Subtotal	17.25
AOM 790C5	Supervised Clinical Practice	0.50		
IHM 660	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine I	1.00		
Subtotal		13.25	Trimester 9	
LEVEL III			AOM 7EXI	AOM Oral Exam Level Three 0.00
Trimester 6			AOM 758	Clinical Observations: Case Presentations 1.00
AOM 096	Pre-Clinic Retreat	0.00	AOM 790B9	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group 1.00
AOM 665	Physiology III: Integration with Oriental Medicine	1.00	AOM 790C9	Supervised Clinical Practice 5.75
AOM 726	Point Location V	2.00	AOM 794	Collaborative Care 2.00
AOM 746	Transforming and Healing Emotions	1.00	AOM 7EXI	Oral Exam: Level III 0.00
AOM 776A	Five Element Theory Integration Intensive I ²	0.50	APP 710	Becoming a Healing Presence V: Principles in Practice 1.50
AOM 790B6	Supervised Clinical Practice: Core Group	1.00	CHP 622B	Five Element Theory & Herbal Integration I 2.50
AOM 790C6	Supervised Clinical Practice	1.50	CHP 642B	Clinical Theory in Practice II 0.25
APP 616	Becoming a Healing Presence IV: Supporting Others Through the Life Cycle	1.50	CHP 731A	Clinical Thought Process 0.50
IHM 661	Practice Management: The Practice and Business of Oriental Medicine II	1.50	CHP 741A	Diagnostic Skills 0.50
ISCI 647B	Physiology II: Movement Away from Health	3.00	IHM 787	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment 0.25
Subtotal		13.00	Choose 3.00 of the following credits: ³	
			AOM 719A1	Pain Management in Oriental Medicine 3.00
			AOM 719A2	Women's Health in Oriental Medicine 3.00
			AOM 719A3	Five Element Clinical Intensive 3.00
			Subtotal	18.25

Number	Course Title	Credits ¹
Trimester 10⁴		
AOM 790G	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.00
CHP 622C	Five Element Theory & Herbal Integration II	4.75
CHP 642C	Clinical Theory in Practice III	0.50
CHP 760	Clinical Orientation	0.25
FPD 779	Point Functions	2.00
IHM 787	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment ⁴	0.25
ISCI 752	Advanced Diagnostic Studies	3.00
ISCI 801	Designing Research in Clinical Practice	3.00
Subtotal		16.75

Trimester 11⁴		
AOM 790G	Supervised Clinical Practice	3.00
CHP 711A	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory II	3.50
CHP 721A	Clinical Internship	2.00
CHP 731B	Clinical Thought Process	0.50
CHP 770A	Pharmacy Practicum	0.25
CHP 780A	Core Group I	0.50
FPD 781	Qi Cultivation	1.50
IHED 777	Health Care Systems: From Macro to Micro	3.00
IHM 768	Advanced Practice Management	2.00
IHM 787	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment	0.25
Subtotal		14.25

Trimester 12		
CHP 711B	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory II	4.50
CHP 721B	Clinical Internship	2.50
CHP 770B	Pharmacy Practicum	0.25
CHP 780B	Core Group II	0.25
FPD 790AC	Advanced Clinical Practice ⁵	3.00
Subtotal		3.00

Trimester 13		
FPD 790I	Supervised Advanced Clinical Practice: Integrative Medicine	1.00
CHP 711C	Chinese Herbal Medicine Theory II	4.75
CHP 721C	Clinical Internship	2.50
CHP 770C	Pharmacy Practicum	0.50
CHP 780C	Core Group III	0.25
Subtotal		8.00

FLEX CORE⁶		
AOM 716	Writing a Case Report ⁷	1.00
IHM 787	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment	0.25
IHM 787C	Interdisciplinary Diagnosis and Treatment: Case Report	0.25
ISCI 615	Mind Body Science	3.00
ISCI 636	Integrative Science of Acupuncture	3.00
Subtotal		7.50

BIOSCIENCE ELECTIVES

Choose 3.0 credits in bioscience electives. Elective offerings vary by trimester and are subject to change. Please refer to the Schedule of Courses for an update to date list of elective offerings.

Sample electives include:

Number	Course Title	Credits
IHED 637	Principles and Practices of Health Behavior and Self-Care	1.50
ISCI 610B	Introduction to Scientific Writing	1.50
ISCI 630A	Survey of Complementary Health Approaches	3.00
ISCI 631	Introduction to Complementary and Integrative Health	1.50
ISCI 667	Science of Addictions	3.00
ISCI 671	Physical Activity and Health	3.00
NUTR 602	Nutrition: Food and Balance	3.00
NUTR 614	Human Nutrition I: Macronutrients	3.00
Subtotal		3.00

OPTIONAL LEVEL III COURSES⁵

AOM 710	Theory: NCCAOM Review Elective	0.00
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Total Program Credits⁸ 198.50

Total Program Hours⁸ 3,717.00

¹Credit hour conversion:

15 hours (lecture) =1 semester credit;

30 hours (lab) =1 semester credit;

45 hours (independent study) =1 semester credit.

² AOM 776A and AOM 776B are taken in trimester 6 and 7 for fall intakes and trimesters 5 and 6 for spring intakes.

³ Students select from multiple advanced course topics to fulfill the requirement for Senior Selection.

⁴ While the acupuncture portion of the program can be completed in three years and eight months, this course of study illustrates how students are allowed to progress through their acupuncture clinical requirements at a more moderate pace and extend their clinical practice beyond Trimester 11 if necessary. AOM 790G is an optional extended clinic course for trimesters 10 and 11.

⁵ FPD 790AD Supervised Advanced Clinical Practice 2.0 (2 credits) and FPD 790AE Supervised Advanced Clinical Practice 1.0 (1 credit) made be substituted for FPD 790AC in any combination that totals 3 credits.

⁵Total hours and credits do not include Optional Level III Courses or extended clinic coursework (AOM 790G) in trimesters 12 and 13.

⁶The term "Flex Core" indicates that students may elect when to complete required credits and/or hours. ISCI 615 and ISCI 636 are required credit courses that students may take during any trimester they are offered.

⁷AOM 716 must be taken in Trimester 8 or later.

⁸Total hours and credits do not include Optional Level III Courses or extended clinic coursework (AOM 790G) in trimesters 10 and 11.

⁹This course of study illustrates the recommended progression of courses for fall intakes with Chinese herbs courses beginning in Trimester 8. Spring intakes should plan to take all Chinese herbs courses one trimester earlier than fall intakes.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to all graduate academic programs applicants must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.* Applicants must submit an official transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended. MUIH's Doctor of Oriental Medicine is a First Professional Doctorate degree. A student may enter the program with a bachelor's degree; a graduate degree is not required for admission.

Please refer to the Application Requirements section for a detailed list of required application materials.

* If the bachelor's degree was not completed at a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting body, or recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, copies of the institution's academic catalog and course syllabi may be requested. Please refer to the International Students section for additional information.

Health Requirements

Students must meet certain health requirements to participate in the clinical phase of this program. For specific requirements, please refer to the Health, Training, and Other Requirements section of the catalog.

Program Format

The Doctor of Oriental Medicine is a hybrid program with primarily on-campus courses and some online courses. The program can be completed in four years and four months across 13 trimesters with a 14-week schedule per trimester. An additional week is designated for makeup classes, if necessary. Students may complete the program in as few as 11 trimesters in an accelerated format. Students seeking this option must contact their academic advisor at the start of trimester three to apply.

For programs that begin in the fall, class times are generally 8:45 a.m. –5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. For programs that begin in the spring, class times are generally 8:45 a.m.–5 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Upper-level, doctoral-only courses occurring in trimesters 8 and later are primarily weekend based when on campus or offered online.

There are occasional scheduling exceptions for intensives, electives, non-credit requirements, and other special courses as described below. Students must plan ahead to clear work schedules and commitments to be available to attend all courses as required.

Online courses offer flexibility for the student, and run asynchronously throughout each trimester. The syllabus for each course will provide details about weekly lessons and include expectations, due dates for assignments, and required participation. More information about MUIH's online format is available on www.muih.edu.

CHINESE HERBS COURSES

The Chinese herbs portion of the D.O.M. program consists of 37 credits delivered as two- to three-day weekends (Friday-Sunday), starting in Level II. Please refer to the Course of Study and the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Chinese Herbs for more information.

INTENSIVES

The program begins with a two-week intensive and has a few weekend intensives throughout the nine trimesters. Most weekend intensives are 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. See www.muih.edu for more information.

ELECTIVES

Elective course offerings are typically bioscience (ISCI) courses held Mondays from 6–9 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m.–12 p.m., and weekends (generally two weekends consisting of Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday), with some online availability. Offerings vary by trimester.

NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

This program includes eight non-credit requirements, which will be explained in greater detail in the first and second trimesters:

- Acupuncture Treatment: Students are required to receive ongoing acupuncture treatment
- AOM 014 Five Element Project
- AOM 095 Orientation to Clinic
- AOM 096 Pre Clinic Retreat
- AOM 6EXI Comprehensive Exam Level II
- AOM 7EXI Oral Exam Level III
- MUIH 500 University Wide Orientation for New Students
- MUIH 550 Academic Research and Scholarship

Additional Information

Laws and Licensure

Completion of the Doctor of Oriental Medicine program does not automatically qualify graduates to begin practicing independently. Each state, including Maryland, has specific licensure or registration procedures that must be met. There may be a waiting period between the completion of the program and the legal recognition allowing you to begin practice. Until a graduate receives official notification of legal recognition to begin practice, she or he may continue to practice only under faculty supervision. Students who wish to continue to practice in Maryland after graduating, but prior to being licensed, must enroll in MUIH's Trainee Program.

Most states require successful completion of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine exam. For more information, refer to www.nccaom.org.

Graduates wishing to practice in Maryland may be licensed by applying to the Maryland Board of Acupuncture.

Maryland University of Integrative Health is approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award a Doctor of Oriental Medicine degree, and the program conforms to Maryland laws and regulations regarding the practice of acupuncture.

GENERAL

Governmental laws, regulations, legal opinions, and requirements differ from country to country and state to state. The University cannot provide assurance that completion of the program will qualify a graduate to be registered or accepted under a state law other than Maryland. However, the University's Doctor of Oriental Medicine program is designed to provide basic, solid competence in traditional acupuncture.

MARYLAND ACUPUNCTURE LICENSES

For requirements for licensure in Maryland, contact:

Maryland Board of Acupuncture

4201 Patterson Avenue, Room 311

Baltimore, MD 21215

410-764-4766 or 800-530-2481

dhmh.state.md.us/bacc

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Qualified MUIH alumni who have completed the following course of study required by the California Acupuncture Board are currently eligible to take the CA Acupuncture Licensing Examination.

Effective January 1, 2005, the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination requires students to complete a total of 3000 hours (2050 hours of didactic instruction and 950 hours of clinical instruction) in the following areas:

Basic Sciences	350
<i>to include: Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics, Biology, Nutrition, Pathology and Pathophysiology</i>	
Oriental Medicine Principals and Treatment	1255
<i>to include 450 hours of instruction in Chinese Herbal Medical Principles and Theory</i>	
Clinical Medicine, Patient Assessment and Diagnosis	240
Case Management	90
Practice Management	45
Public Health	40
Professional Development	30
Clinical Practice	950

Students who wish to take the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination must complete the following additional requirements. Please note that these requirements are above and beyond what is required to complete MUIH's Doctor of Oriental Medicine degree program and that there may be some additional fees associated with completion of these requirements:

- AOM CA701 California Supplemental Information I
- AOM CA702 California Supplemental Information II
- AOM 794 Collaborative Care
- CPR: A minimum of eight (8) hours in first aid and adult/child CPR from the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other organization with an equivalent course approved by the California Acupuncture Board.
- Self-identified California tracked students must comply with California supervisory requirements by treating on specified California tracked treatment slots.
- Recommended elective coursework: ISCI 667: The Science of Addiction

The Integrative Health Sciences department at MUIH provides most of the California-required science coursework within the core science courses in the Doctor of Oriental Medicine program. MUIH reviews California's requirements on an ongoing basis and adjusts course offerings as needed.

If any of the above coursework is to be completed at an institution other than MUIH, the Academic Director of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine programs must approve the course. Appropriate documentation must also be submitted to the Office of the Registrar before such coursework may be included in the student's academic file and official transcript. Students planning to seek licensure in California must speak to

the Associate Director to insure that their course of study meets all requirements to sit the California Licensing Examination.

A student entering MUIH can use undergraduate bioscience coursework to fulfill California Basic Science Requirements. If the student does not have bioscience courses in their undergraduate degree program, AOM bioscience courses will cover all requirements with the exception of psychology with counselling skills and organic chemistry including biochemistry. Any student planning to apply to sit the California Acupuncture Licensing Exam will need to complete this coursework while matriculated at MUIH. The face-to-face courses can be taken at MUIH or another accredited college (as approved by the Academic Director).

Please contact the Associate Director of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine programs or see the California Acupuncture Board website for additional information regarding requirements to sit for the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination.

California Acupuncture Board

1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 180
Sacramento, CA 95834
916-928-2204
www.acupuncture.ca.gov

REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER STATES

For eligibility to apply for licensure, other states may stipulate additional requirements, such as completion of a course in Chinese herbs or clinical hours beyond what is required by MUIH. For information about licensure procedures in specific states, please contact the medical or acupuncture regulating agency in each state.

Resources

COUNCIL OF COLLEGES OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (CCAOM)

CCAOM was established in 1982. The primary mission of the Council is to advance acupuncture and Oriental medicine by promoting educational excellence within the field. In furtherance of this mission, the Council supports the development and improvement of educational programs in acupuncture and Oriental medicine, and develops recommended curricula for degree, diploma, and other educational programs. It supports and fosters academic freedom and a diversity of educational approaches within the field. As well, it encourages scientific research, innovative teaching methodology, and faculty development, and provides a forum for discussion of issues relevant to member colleges. The Council also serves as an information resource for member colleges, other colleges and organizations, regulatory agencies, and the public. It encourages ethical business practices among member colleges and works with accreditation, certification, licensing and regulatory agencies to develop appropriate educational standards and requirements. It also promotes increased public access to high quality health care provided by well-trained practitioners of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

600 Wyndhurst Ave, Suite 112
Baltimore, MD 21210
410-464-6040
www.ccaom.org

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (ACAOM)

The Board of the CCAOM established ACAOM in 1982. ACAOM, working under existing guidelines for similar accreditation commissions at a national level, acts as an independent body to evaluate schools and colleges of acupuncture and Oriental medicine for the purpose of establishing and maintaining high standards and ethical business practices. The Commission is recognized as a specialized accrediting agency by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.

Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

8941 Aztec Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55347
952-212-2434
www.acaom.org

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (NCCAOM)

NCCAOM, the only nationally recognized certification body in the United States for acupuncture, Chinese herbology, Oriental medicine, and Asian bodywork therapy, was established in 1982. NCCAOM's mission is to establish, assess, and promote recognized standards of competence and safety in acupuncture, Chinese herbology, Asian bodywork therapy, and Oriental medicine for the protection and benefit of the public. The Board of Commissioners consists of nine practitioners who are elected by other diplomats, or are appointed if a vacancy arises mid-year. Additionally, the Board includes two public members, who serve to ensure NCCAOM's commitment to the public. Over 16,000 diplomats are currently certified through NCCAOM, which is a member of the National Organization for Competency Assurance, and which is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

76 S. Laura Street, Suite 1290
Jacksonville, FL 32202
904-598-1005
info@nccaom.org
www.nccaom.org

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (AAAOM)

AAAOM is a national membership organization dedicated to promoting excellence and integrity in the professional practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine, in order to enhance public health and well-being. The AAAOM is committed to high ethical and educational standards and to ensuring the safety of the public. As part of its purpose, the AAAOM seeks to advance the professional field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and to educate and serve as a resource to legislators, regulators, and the general public regarding the nature and scope of the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814
866-455-7999
www.aaaomonline.org