

TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE

Program: TCMP

Credential: Ontario College Graduate Certificate

Delivery: Full-time

Work Integrated Learning: 3 Clinical Placements

Length: 2 Semesters

Duration: 1 Year

Effective: Winter 2020

Location: Barrie

Description

This is an intensive program designed to provide Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Acupuncturists with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required to meet regulatory entry-level requirements as recognized for the classification of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (TCMP). In this program, students develop the critical judgement and professional competencies required to safely and skillfully evaluate, formulate, dispense and administer TCM herbal medicines and therapeutics. Students gain valuable supervised clinical experience in the diagnosis and treatment of internal and external diseases, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, orthopedics and traumatology in accordance with established TCM principles and practices. Professional excellence through the adherence to standards of practice and interdisciplinary knowledge is emphasized.

Career Opportunities

Graduates meet entry-level competencies set by the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario (CTCMPAO) under the class title of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (TCMP). Graduates of the TCMP program may choose to be self-employed regulated health professionals or work within an interdisciplinary health team. Graduates may be employed by rehabilitation, fertility, complex care or other specialty health centres and hospitals. Additional employment opportunities include insurance adjudication, sales and marketing, research and education.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. develop proficiency in Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (TCMP) principles and practices in the pursuit of progressive professional competency;
2. critically assess, diagnose and minister using established Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) methodologies in accordance with TCM disease classifications and syndrome pattern identification;
3. implement Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) principles and practices in the selection, storage, formulation and administration of TCM herbal medicines;
4. perform safe and effective client care and practice-management consistent with the ethical and professional standards set forth for Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (TCMP);
5. enhance client care and interprofessional collaboration through the assimilation, integration, and translation of biomedical and interdisciplinary theories and approaches;

6. communicate effectively and in a manner which elevates the profile of Traditional Chinese Medicine with clients, the community and members of the health care field;
7. adhere to professional ethics and standards of practice in accordance with regulatory requirements;
8. formulate a professional practice strategy related to provincial and federal legislation to educate and advocate for Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) within the broader health care field;
9. exemplify and actively promote the benefits of Traditional Chinese Medicine by modelling the practice of self-care and preventative health approaches;
10. initiate continuous quality improvement in the field through innovative research, networking and other professional development opportunities;
11. champion best practices in record keeping and business operations of a regulated health professional;
12. foster positive interprofessional relationships within the Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and broader health care communities;
13. implement and advocate for environmentally sustainable practices relevant to the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (TCMP) profession;
14. apply innovative entrepreneurial strategies to identify and respond to new opportunities.

External Recognition

Graduates of the program meet the core competencies to apply for professional registration with the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario under the title classification of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (TCMP).

The Program Progression

Winter Intake

- Sem 1: Winter 2020
- Sem 2: Summer 2020

Admission Requirements

- Post-secondary diplom, advanced diploma or degree with a specialty in TCM Acupuncture, or equivalent or
- Proof of current general class registration, in good standing, with the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario

Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: Individuals who have been charged or convicted criminally and not pardoned will be prohibited from proceeding to a clinical or work placement.

Additional Information

To be eligible for clinical courses and placements, students must have a completed Clinical Preparedness Permit including:

- Students enrolled in this program must comply with all clinic permit requirements set out for this program.
- It is highly recommended that students have an introductory knowledge of TCM materia medica.

Graduation Requirements

10 Program Courses
3 Clinical Placements

Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, a student must attain a minimum of 60% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester. The passing weighted average for promotion through each semester and to graduate is 60%.

Program Tracking

Semester 1		Hours
Program Courses		
TCMP 1000	External Medicine, Orthopedics and Traumatology	42
TCMP 1001	Nutrition and Lifestyle Management	28
TCMP 1002	Materia Medica Advanced	42
TCMP 1003	Herbal Dispensary Safety	28
TCMP 1004	Introduction to Herbal Preparation and Formulation	42
TCMP 1005	Internal Medicine	42
Clinical Placement		
TCMP 1006	Clinical Internship	84
Hours		308
Semester 2		
TCMP 1007	Gynecology, Obstetrics and Pediatrics	42
TCMP 1009	Advanced Herbal Preparation and Formulation	56
TCMP 1010	Western Pharmacopeia	42
TCMP 1011	Preparation for Regulatory Board Examination	42
Clinical Placements		
TCMP 1008	Women and Children's Health Clinic	42
TCMP 1012	Clinical Internship Advanced	84
Hours		308
Total Hours		616

Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of one year (as stated above) may take a maximum of two years to complete their credential. After this time, students must be re-admitted into the program, and follow the curriculum in place at the time of re-admission.

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