

BACHELOR OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE

At a Glance

Faculty

www.kpu.ca/health (<http://www.kpu.ca/health/>)

Area of Study:

www.kpu.ca/health/acupuncture (<http://www.kpu.ca/health/acupuncture/>)

Academic Level:

Undergraduate

Credential Granted:

Baccalaureate Degree

Start Date:

Fall (September)

Intake Type:

- Open

Minimum Credits Required:

135

Curriculum Effective Date:

01-Sep-2025

The first available intake for this program is Fall 2025. Applications opened on October 1, 2024.

The Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine (BTCM) is a 10-semester program that provides the academic preparation for students to practice as an Acupuncturist after semester 6, and as a Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner, after semester 10. The BTCM program curriculum has been approved by the regulatory body in BC, the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists (CTCMA) and the CTCMA Registration Committee as meeting the academic requirements for licensure. This positions BTCM graduates desiring to practice in BC, the ability to apply for licensure and registration upon graduation, subject to meeting other non-academic licensing requirements. A student may complete only the first 6 semesters of the program and graduate with a Diploma in Traditional Chinese Medicine – Acupuncture (an existing KPU credential) or continue through the 10 semesters graduating with a BTCM. A graduate with a Diploma in Acupuncture may use all 86 credits of that credential towards their Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine. This approach allows practicing Acupuncturists to further their education to practice to the full scope of a Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner by completing the BTCM program.

The aim of the program is to develop graduates who will become competent Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioners able to combine research and critical thinking in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of complex patients. This practice will rely on deep understanding of the evolving healthcare delivery environment of British Columbia, as well as the similarities and differences between Western medicine, biomedical science, and TCM. Its disciplinary foci will be TCM theory, TCM practice, philosophy, herbal treatment, advanced

acupuncture, and the provision of integrated care to complex patients. Graduates will be prepared, through practice management courses and applied practice, to successfully operate their own practices.

Requirements

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Admission Requirements

In addition to the Faculty's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/admissions/english-proficiency-requirements/>), the following program admission requirements apply:

- Interview by the Program Chair and/or letters of reference, if requested.

Once students have received a conditional offer of admission and before final admission to the program is granted, students must submit the following:

- Canadian CPR Health Care Provider or Basic Life Support (Note: CPR certification must remain current throughout the program).
- An acceptable Criminal Record Check through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General's Criminal Records Review Program within 6 months prior to the start of the program.
- International applicants are required to provide a Criminal Record Search with the Vulnerable Sector from their country of origin.
- Immunization Record Form reflecting required immunizations as per Practice Education Guidelines for BC. Note: Practice Education Guidelines (PEG) for BC outline immunizations for vaccine preventable communicable diseases required by students for participation in practice experiences. KPU Faculty of Health is required to comply with these requirements. Students that are unvaccinated may not be able to be accepted into the program. Students who are accepted into the program will also be required to maintain immunizations as per the PEG.

Admission selection will be determined by the date of qualification.

Applicants that have completed a recognized Acupuncture/Traditional Chinese Medicine Diploma, or who are practicing Registered Acupuncturists, may be provided with advanced standing.

Continuance Requirements

Students must maintain a minimum grade of C in all required courses, with Standard grading and a grade of MAS in all courses with Mastery Grading. Non-adherence to these requirements may result in removal from the program.

Curricular Requirements

The Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine (BTCM) is comprised of a Diploma in Traditional Chinese Medicine – Acupuncture and a minimum 49 credits of advanced study and practice in the full scope of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Course	Title	Credits
Term 1		
ACUP 1100	Acupuncture Fundamental Theory	4
ACUP 1160	Acupuncture Biomed Foundation	4
ENGL 1100	Introduction to University Writing	3

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MAND 1110	Mandarin Foundation for Traditional Chinese Medicine/ Acupuncture	3
Credits		14
Term 2		
ACUP 1200	Acupuncture Diagnosis: Data Collection	4
ACUP 1230	Acupuncture Meridian and Acupoint	6
ACUP 1260	Acupuncture Medical Biochemistry and Microbiology	3
ASIA 1210	East Asian Health and Philosophy	3
Credits		16
Term 3		
ACUP 2100	Introduction to Traditional Chinese Medicine History and Classics	2
ACUP 2301	Acupuncture Diagnosis: Pattern Recognition	4
ACUP 2321	Acupuncture Technique	3
ACUP 2331	Acupuncture Therapy I	3
ACUP 2361	Acupuncture Introduction to Pathology	2
Credits		14
Term 4		
ACUP 2130	Acupuncture Therapy II	3
ACUP 2150	Acupuncture Communication and Ethics	2
ACUP 2160	Acupuncture Western Medical Diagnosis (Imaging and Lab Testing)	2
ACUP 2170	Acupuncture Pharmacology	2
ACUP 2181	Acupuncture Practicum (Supervised I)	4
ACUP 2341	Acupuncture Safety	2
Credits		15
Term 5		
ACUP 3200	Acupuncture Taiji/Qigong	2
ACUP 3220	Advanced Acupuncture	2
ACUP 3230	Acupuncture Case Study	3
ACUP 3240	Acupuncture Tuina (Chinese style massage)	3
ACUP 3280	Acupuncture Practicum (Supervised II)	4
Credits		14
Term 6		
ACUP 3300	Acupuncture Musculoskeletal Management	2
ACUP 3320	Acupuncture Practice Transitions	3
ACUP 3340	Acupuncture Practice Management and Regulation	2
ACUP 3360	Acupuncture Shiliao and Nutrition	2
ACUP 3380	Acupuncture Practicum (Independent)	4
Credits		13
Term 7		
TCME 4100	Herbology	3
TCME 4110	TCM Terminology	3
TCME 4120	Herbal Form I	3
TCME 4180	Supervised Practice IV	2
HEAL 3180	Nursing Science 4: Health Research for Evidence Informed Practice	3
Credits		14
Term 8		
TCME 4220	Herbal Formula II	3
TCME 4240	TCM Gynecology	3
TCME 4250	TCM Internal Medicine I	3
TCME 4260	TCM Pediatrics & Five Sense Organ Diseases	3
TCME 4280	Supervised Practice V	2
Credits		14
Term 9		
TCME 4330	Advanced Case Analysis	3
TCME 4340	TCM Dermatology & External Diseases	2
TCME 4350	TCM Internal Medicine II	3
TCME 4370	Herbalist Practice Transition	3
TCME 4380	Supervised Practice VI	2
Credits		13

Term 10

Select one of the following:		8-15
A minimum of 5 courses outside of ACUP and TCME		
TCME 4480	Supervised Practice VII	
Credits		8-15
Total Credits		135-142

Credential Awarded

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine**.