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新西兰针灸中医学院



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新西兰针灸中医药学院 WELCOME

You are taking a step towards making an important decision on your career path. It's a modern choice in health with ancestral eastern medicine.

At the New Zealand School of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (NZSATCM), we are committed to developing the potential of our students as qualified and competent practitioners in Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM).

TCM with its emphasis on treating the whole person is increasingly becoming a selected therapy based on its effectiveness in enhancing wellness and alleviating diseases instead of solely relieving symptoms. As a growing healthcare profession, TCM offers opportunities for those seeking a rewarding career in caring for the health and wellbeing of people.

We strive to be the best that we can be, so that when you study with us, you have the foundations and support to reach your greatest potential.

In NZSATCM, the school achieved over 85% in course completions, compared to the national average of 81% which is well above the median averages for the entire sector.

Our statistics show that our students have positive job outcomes of over 94% with most of them obtaining their industry practicing certificate soon after graduation.

We welcome you to embark on the journey to becoming a great TCM practitioner and look forward to getting to know you.

Anita Kumar and Janise Heow

Directors

**“Tell me, I will forget,
show me, I may remember,
involve me, and I will
understand”**



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ABOUT US

As one of the fastest growing and widely accepted emerging health care professions, Traditional Chinese Medicine offers excellent opportunities for a career in this field as a primary care provider.

NZSATCM

Established in 1989, we are the oldest educational institution of its kind in New Zealand. The School is dedicated to providing quality education enabling students to gain the knowledge and skills to reach their full potential in the specialised field of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

CAMPUSES

NZSATCM operates from its campus in Auckland.

PROGRAMMES AND COURSES

- Master of Health Science
- Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine
- Diploma of Tuina

ENTRY CRITERIA

- minimum of age 18 at start of course
- NCEA 3 with 42 credits for domestic students, or international equivalent
- For international students if English not the first language:
 - Level 8/9 Degree, IELTS academic score of 6.5 with no band lower than 6; or equivalent.
 - Level 7 Diploma or Degree, IELTS academic score of 6 with no band lower than 5.5; or equivalent.



Our Schools range of diploma and degree programmes connects students to the work place by ensuring the curriculum is current and relevant, and the contents are of the right mix of theory and practical skills.

The academic staircase enables students to attain multiple qualifications by gaining credits at lower-level studies towards a higher-level qualification. The mode of study is classroom based. Some subjects may be offered by distance learning in an online environment.

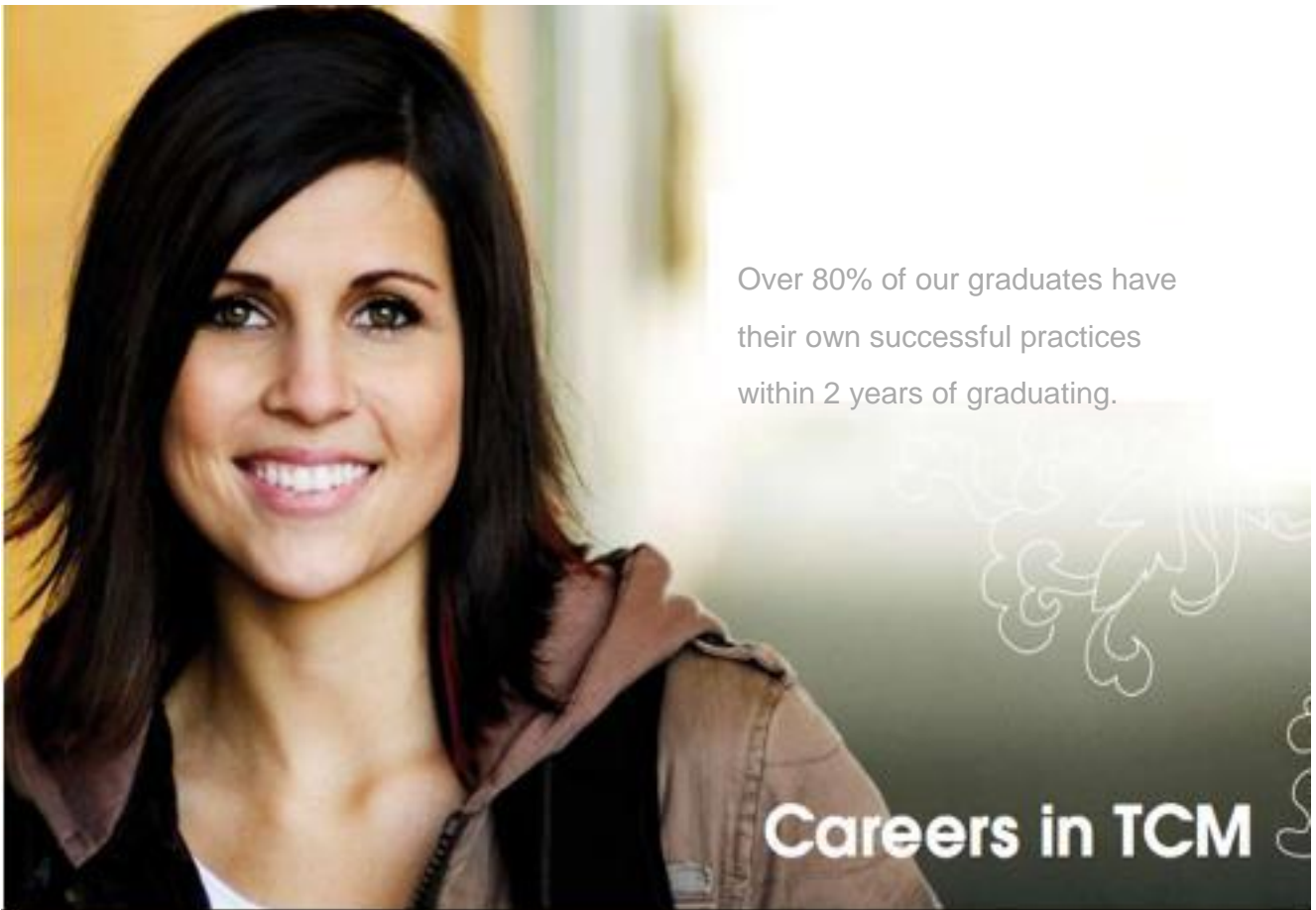
The demand of the study will require students to apply themselves and put in the time and effort. A high level of personal discipline and time management are the ingredients for success.

All undergraduate qualifications share some core components making it easier to study more than one qualification concurrently.



NZ SCHOOL OF ACUPUNCTURE & TCM

Celebrating nearly 30 years of education!



Over 80% of our graduates have their own successful practices within 2 years of graduating.

Careers in TCM

If you're looking for a career in a highly sought-after health related field, we encourage you to seriously consider a career in Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) with its emphasis on treating the whole person is becoming an increasingly sought-after therapy which has gained recognition based on its effectiveness in enhancing wellbeing and alleviating diseases instead of solely relieving symptoms.

TCM is widely accepted in New Zealand, revolutionising how we perceive and treat illness, challenging us to participate in and shape a new medical model that integrates the best that Eastern and Western philosophies have to offer.

As one of the fastest growing and widely accepted emerging healthcare professions, TCM offers excellent opportunities that are recognized internationally for those seeking a career in this health field as primary care providers.

NZSACTM is New Zealand's leading TCM education provider dedicated to providing quality education in a support and stimulating environment. Our students graduate completely confident in their ability to accurately diagnose and successfully treat their patients. Another outstanding aspect to our curriculum is preparing students to set up their own ACC-registered practice.

We are also proud of the fact that over 80% of our graduates have established their own practice either in New Zealand or overseas within 2 years of graduating.

ACADEMIC PATHWAY

Programmes at NZSATCM

NZSATCM offers a dynamic curriculum combining in-depth classroom instruction with innovative collaborative learning activities and extensive hands-on clinical experience.

Our graduates have the theoretical knowledge, clinical skills and professional maturity to practice effectively as primary care, independent Acupuncture and related Oriental Medicine.

The School's range of certificate, diploma and degree programmes connect you to the workplace by ensuring the curriculum is current and relevant, and the contents are of the right mix of theory and practical skills. Our academic staircase enables you to attain multiple qualifications by gaining credits in lower-level studies towards a higher-level qualification.

The level of study is demanding and will require your time and best efforts to achieve the professional standard.

Practice Management

A successful acupuncture practice requires an understanding of the business, ethics and legal issues of the acupuncture profession. In the practice management curriculum, you will create a **comprehensive business plan** that will serve as an on-going resource and road map in creating and marketing a successful practice. You will also learn about practical issues such as scope of practice, medical record keeping, insurance and billing practices.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of our qualifications trend toward establishment of private practices of their own, join multidisciplinary practices or take advantage of flexible working hour opportunities as locums.

Academic Staircase

When enrolled in the BHS programme, you have the opportunity to complete a diploma in a related therapy such as Tuina or Chinese herbal medicine. To gain such a diploma, only the core courses of the diploma have to be completed. You can study the core subjects of a diploma concurrently with the degree programme, or at a later stage of their study. Some choose to complete a diploma after graduation, to gain an additional qualification, or better still, to enrol in our Postgraduate or Masters programme.

ENROLMENT

Intake/Start of Courses

- Master of Health Science - Chinese Medicine
- Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science - Chinese Medicine
- Bachelor of Health Science- Acupuncture
- Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine
- Diploma of Tuina - Chinese Medical Massage

The above courses have intakes in February and July every year.

Enrolment Procedure

STEP 1: FIND A COURSE OF STUDY

This website provides information on the available courses of study in the **Programmes** tab. For additional information and advice, please call us on Auckland: **+64 9 630 3546**

STEP 2: COMPLETE ENROLMENT FORM

When you have decided which course to apply for, complete the enrolment form. There are 2 easy ways to enrol. You can apply online or in person.

Online: admin@nzsao.com

In person:

Auckland 382C Manukau Road, Epsom

STEP 3: ASSESSMENT

We will assess your application and contact you if you need to provide additional information. We will conduct an interview with you by phone or in person.

STEP 4: OFFER OF PLACE

We will send you an offer of place if your application is successful. You will be advised if your application is unsuccessful.

STEP 5: FEES PAYMENT

Timely payment of fees is expected. This can be done by internet banking, posting a cheque, or in person. If paying by student loan, you need to submit your loan application to StudyLink ideally a month prior to course commencement date to confirm your eligibility and payment time frames.

*** If you already have some relevant skills or qualifications, you can save yourself extra work and time by applying for recognition of prior learning (RPL). Contact us for more information.**

ACUPUNCTURE NZ (AcNZ)

Message from Robin Kerr, AcNZ President



Many of those who teach at the New Zealand School of Acupuncture and TCM, as well as many graduates from the school, are members of Acupuncture New Zealand. We are very happy to welcome current students to also join with us and become members of our organisation. AcNZ has a very strong commitment to support our members in the provision of safe and effective healthcare for all New Zealanders. NZSATCM is where I personally completed my Master's degree, something I would encourage others who are contemplating furthering their education, to do.

There is no doubt that the general public are increasingly choosing Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine as their primary health care system. More and more people are seeking to take greater responsibility for their own health and are realising that Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine, with strong emphasis on the maintenance of wellbeing, is able to provide what they are looking for.

This is an exciting time in the development of our profession here in New Zealand. At the same time as moving more into the realms of research and scientific evidence, we are also becoming more aware of the importance of the history and philosophy that underpins our medicine. As all of us who have studied Chinese medicine know, balance is essential in all aspects of life. As the ancient philosopher Laozi said in the Tao Te Ching “**Stay with the ancient Tao but move with the present**”.

New Zealand has something of a name for being a country of innovation – there is no reason why we cannot lead the world into the integration of the very best that both Eastern and Western medicine have to offer. Current students of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine have a great deal to look forward to.

About AcNZ

First established in 1977 and with more than 1,000 members throughout New Zealand, Acupuncture New Zealand (AcNZ), previously the New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists (NZRA), is the oldest and largest professional body representing acupuncturists in New Zealand. AcNZ members have been recognised as ACC treatment providers since 1990.

A member of the World Federation of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Societies as well as the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies, AcNZ also has strong affiliations with acupuncture associations in Australia, China, the United States and Britain.

AcNZ is very pleased to support students by providing free membership to all those enrolled in a full course of study in the field of acupuncture and/or Chinese Medicine in New Zealand.

The benefits of student membership are as follows:

- Free membership with optional access to the extensive AcNZ library
- Being a student member of a professional group of acupuncturists you are able to keep up with current information through receiving the AcNZ monthly newsletter
- Access to the member's area of the AcNZ website
- Access to closed WeChat and Facebook sites
- Student members are able to attend regional meetings as non-voting members
- Fee reduction to attend the AcNZ annual conference (held every year in Wellington at the beginning of August), seminars and workshops

For more information about AcNZ go to our website – www.acupuncture.org.nz.

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE (CHINESE MEDICINE)

New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) Approved and Accredited

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| PC3000 | Master of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) |
| Level: | 9 |
| Credits: | 180 |
| Duration: | 1.5 years full time or 3 years part-time study |
| Intake: | March, October |
| Location: | Auckland (2-day block) |
| Delivery: | Blended Learning (block teaching, online supported study) |
| International: | IELTS academic score: 6.5 with no band score lower than 6.0; or equivalent |

The Master of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) is a dynamic postgraduate course designed for TCM practitioners wishing to strengthen their knowledge and better integrate into the healthcare system. You will have an opportunity to develop an evidence-based approach to practice and explore an appropriate subject of your interest in real depth.

It is a taught Masters, only requiring attendance at a 2-day intensive study block. International and Auckland students will attend class one week a day in the first 9-month semester to complete the mandatory components. For distance learning students, they can have access to the lectures through webinars to be supported by e-forums, online dissemination, Skype and e-mail.

These mandatory components (advanced research methods, contemporary alternative medicine and independent project modules) equip students with the theoretical and practical knowledge to be able to successfully complete their thesis in an area of clinical practice about which they are passionate.

Additionally, the clinical modules (women's, musculoskeletal, mental health and herbal therapy) bring students into contact with expert practitioners in their fields.

Entry to the Herbal Medicine components will be limited to practitioners with appropriate qualifications in Chinese herbal medicine.

The modular programme can be completed over one and half year's full time or three years part-time study.

The course begins with a 2-day block course to ensure you get to know your teachers and fellow colleagues and have mastered the online learning platforms before you begin.

- Small class size to optimize learning and support
- Interactive, online style of learning with webinars and forums using the latest technology
- Access to journal databases
- Webinars which will be presented by a wealth of practitioners / researchers from New Zealand and guest lecturers from around the world allow you to learn from a range of experienced practitioners and researchers
- Opportunity to explore own research project with access to supervisor support.

Graduate Profile

The New Zealand School of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine aims to create an educational environment which values critical reflective thinking, life-long learning and professional development. The programme contributes to the postgraduate education of Chinese Medicine practitioners, preparing graduates who can contribute to knowledge and practice development within their own chosen clinical specialty.

Candidates will have the opportunity to:

- enhance their specialist clinical knowledge and skills

- interpret traditional knowledge and the modern research-based evidence base pertaining to the field of traditional Chinese Medicine
- explore concepts relating to the use of research and the creation of knowledge related to Chinese Medicine
- understand and use research models relating to the investigation and treatment of a range of diseases and conditions
- develop, apply and test advanced theoretical concepts in traditional Chinese Medicine
- critically analyse and debate research issues in clinical evaluations of acupuncture and Chinese Medicine
- undertake a research project exploring in depth a topic of their choice

The Programme aims to prepare students with the knowledge, skills and personal attributes for professional careers in specialty areas of Chinese Medicine at an advanced level.

Career Opportunities

Master of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) graduates can practise as traditional Chinese medicine practitioners, or as researchers in the relevant areas. Traditional Chinese Medicine is used by over a quarter of the world's population and is the largest form of complementary medicine in New Zealand. This growing field is increasing career opportunities locally and internationally for NZSATCM graduates.

Admission and Subject Information

- A Postgraduate Certificate in TCM.
- An applicant must have a Bachelors degree in a Chinese Medicine-related subject from a New Zealand tertiary institution or an equivalent overseas university as deemed appropriate by the Admissions panel or in exceptional circumstances, have qualifications or experience deemed by the Admissions panel to be the equivalent of the above.

International Student Language Requirements

Level 9 Degree- IELTS academic score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6.0; or equivalent

Course Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 180 credits including the three core modules listed below.

Core modules - 9 Months (90 credits)

- MHSARM801: Advanced Research Methods 1 - 30 credits
- MHSARM802: Advanced Research Methods 2 - 15 credits
- MHSCAM802: Contemporary Alternative Medicine - 15 credits
- MHSIRP: Independent Research Project - 15 credits
- MHSCSE: Clinical Specialties Electives - 15 credits

Thesis - 9 months (90 credits)

- MHS999: Research and Thesis - 90 credits

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH SCIENCE (CHINESE MEDICINE)

New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) Approved and Accredited

PC2429 Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science (Chinese Medicine)
Level: 8
Credits: 60
Duration: 9 months (600 hours)
Intake: March, October
Location: Auckland (2-day block)
Delivery: Blended Learning (block teaching, online supported study)
International: IELTS academic score: 6.5 with no band score lower than 6.0; or equivalent

Course Content

The Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science (Chinese Medicine) offers advanced understanding of research methods appropriate to the evaluation of Chinese Medicine, as well as excellent skills in finding and appraising research literature and relating it to their practice.

This course contains the following modules with their credit values:

- Advanced Research 1 - 30 credits
- Advanced Research 2 - 15 credits
- Contemporary Alternative Medicine - 15 credits

Pathway to Further Education

Graduates of the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science (Chinese Medicine) will be equipped with knowledge and skills to enable them to function at an advanced level within practice. It enhances the acupuncture knowledge base and informs clinical practice enabling high quality, first contact, primary-care providers as well as providing the pathway to pursue further studies into Master studies at NZSATCM's programmes.

Career Opportunities

Graduates will have an advanced understanding of research methods appropriate to the evaluation of Chinese Medicine, as well as excellent skills in finding and appraising research literature and relating it to their practice.

They will be equipped with knowledge and skills to enable them to function at an advanced level within practice.

Entry Criteria

Applicants should meet the following requirements:

- Must hold a qualification of a recognised Bachelor's Degree in Acupuncture or a Bachelor's Degree in Chinese Medicine
- International students must have achieved an academic IELTS of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0; or equivalent
- Must have obtained a satisfactory evaluation after an interview conducted by the school's admission panel

Course Programme details

Semester One

PGCARM801: Advanced Research Methods Part 1 (30 credits)

PGCCAM801: Contemporary Alternative Medicine (15 credits)

Semester Two

PGCARM802: Advanced Research Methods Part 2 (15 credits)

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE (ACUPUNCTURE)

New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) Approved and Accredited

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| PC9792 | Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture) |
| Level: | 7 |
| Credits: | 480 |
| Duration: | 4 years full-time study and part-time study available |
| Intake: | February and July |
| Location: | Auckland |
| Delivery | In-house and online supported study (blended learning) |

Course Content

- TCM theory
- TCM practical
- Biomedical health sciences
- Professional studies
- Clinical practice
- Research

The first and second years of study provide the foundation in the required biological, clinical, professional knowledge and skill base. This is enhanced through clinical observation and assisting in the clinic.

The third and fourth years are the clinical years of study where student clinicians offer consultation and treatment services to patients under the supervision of qualified, experienced staff acupuncture practitioners. They are also introduced to research principles and methodologies in year four.

Pathway to further education

This level 7, four-year 480 credit qualification was the first programme of its kind for New Zealand in 2007. It offers hands on training in acupuncture as well as moxa, cupping and gua sha. Developed to meet the continuing educational needs of people who are aspired to become acupuncturists. It enhances the acupuncture knowledge base and informs clinical practice enabling high quality, first contact, primary-care providers as well as providing the pathway to pursue further studies into postgraduate and Master

Career Opportunities

Graduates of our Bachelor's degree trend toward establishing private practices of their own, join or establish multidisciplinary practices or take advantage of flexible working hour opportunities as locums in existing practices.

Entry Requirements

- Proof of NZ citizenship or permanent residency
- 18 years or older and meet literacy standards for tertiary entrance NZ students.
- Must have obtained 42 credits in NCEA L3 (or equivalent)
- International students must have achieved an academic IELTS of 6.0 with no band less than 5.5; or equivalent

Course Programme details

Semester one

BSC-RES-101: Academic writing
BSC-TCMP-101: TCM practical
BSC-TCMT-101: TCM theory
BSC-WMS-101: Anatomy, physiology
BSC-WMS-111: Basic microbiology

Semester one

BSC-CLN-201: Clinical assistant
BSC-TCMP-201: TCM practical
BSC-TCMT-201: TCM theory
BSC-TCMT-211: Acupuncture point functions
BSC-WMS-201: Biomedical pathology

Semester one

BSC-CLN-301: Student clinic
BSC-DDX-301: Differential diagnosis
BSC-TCMP-301: Musculoskeletal treatment
BSC-TCMT-301: Clinical patterns
BSC-WMS-301: Diagnosis, referral

Semester one

BSC-CLN-401: Student clinic
BSC-DDX-401: Differential diagnosis
BSC-PROF-401: Professional issues
BSC-RES-401: Research principles
BSC-TCMT-401: Major Chinese classics

Year one

Semester two

BSC-CLN-102: Introduction to clinic
BSC-TCMP-102: TCM practical
BSC-TCMT-102: TCM theory
BSC-WMS-102: Anatomy, physiology
BSC-WMS-112: Human development

Year two

Semester two

BSC-CLN-202: Clinical assistant
BSC-TCMP-202: TCM practical
BSC-TCMP-212: Musculoskeletal assessment
BSC-TCMT-202: TCM theory
BSC-WMS-202: Biomedical pathology

Year three

Semester two

BSC-CLN-302: Student clinic
BSC-DDX-302: Differential diagnosis
BSC-TCMP-302: Tuina
BSC-TCMT-302: Clinical patterns
BSC-WMS-302: Pharmacology

Year four

Semester two

BSC-CLN-402: Student clinic
BSC-DDX-402: Differential diagnosis
BSC-RES-402: Research methods
BSC-SBM-402: Clinic management
BSC-TCMT-402: Chinese medical specialties

DIPLOMA OF CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINE

New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) Approved and Accredited

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| PC2448 | Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine |
| Level: | 7 |
| Credits: | 369 |
| Duration: | 3 years part-time study concurrent with Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture) |
| Intake: | February and July |
| Location: | Auckland |
| Delivery: | In-house and online supported study (blended learning) |

This three-year level 7 program of study comprises TCM medical science, Western biosciences and Chinese herbal medicine specific studies. The programme engages students in an in-depth exploration of the clinical usage of approximately 200 of the most useful Chinese herbal formulas. This diploma is for students who wish to become Chinese herbal medicine practitioners. Clinical Herbs dispensary is now used for the students to gain training.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of our CHM diploma combine it with their BHS Acupuncture and or Tuina qualifications and trend toward establishing private practices of their own, join or establish multidisciplinary traditional Chinese medicine private practices.

Entry Criteria

- Only open to Year 2 and above NZSATCM BHSc students, or
- Graduates of NZSATCM BHSc to study on a part-time basis.

Course Programme details

Semester one

H-HBSP-101: Materia medica
H-PROF-101: Professional studies
H-TCMT-101: TCM theory
H-WMS-101: Anatomy, physiology
H-WMS-111: Microbiology

Semester one

H-CLN-201: Clinical assistant
H-DDX-201: Diagnosis
H-HBSP-201: Classical formulae
H-TCMT-201: TCM theory
H-WMS-201: Pathology

Semester one

H-CLN-301: Clinical training
H-DDX-301: Diagnosis
H-HBSP-301: Modern formulating
H-TCMT-301: Clinical patterns
H-TCMT-311: Chinese medical classics

Year one

Semester two

H-HBSP-102: Materia medica
H-CLN-102: Observation
H-TCMT-102: TCM theory
H-WMS-102: Anatomy, physiology
H-WMS-112: Human development

Year two

Semester two

H-CLN-202: Clinical assistant
H-DDX-202: Diagnosis
H-HBSP-202: Classical formulae
H-TCMT-202: TCM theory
H-WMS-202: Pathology

Year three

Semester two

H-CLN-302: Clinical training
H-DDX-302: Diagnosis
H-HBSP-302: Modern formulating
H-SBM-302: Clinical management
H-TCMT-302: Clinical patterns

DIPLOMA OF TUINA

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| PC3663 | Diploma of Tuina (Chinese Medical Massage) |
| Level: | 7 |
| Credits: | 271 |
| Duration: | 2 years part-time study concurrent with Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture) |
| Intake: | February and July |
| Location: | Auckland |
| Delivery: | In-house and online supported study (blended learning) |

Tuina is Chinese medical massage. The qualification is presented in a two-year program of study comprising TCM medical science, Western biosciences, Tuina specific theoretical studies and manual manipulation techniques.

This diploma can complement acupuncture bachelor study or lead to stand alone practice of Chinese medical massage. Our aim is to explore the theoretical and practical knowledge of Chinese medical massage in order to prepare graduates to practice tuina in a contemporary primary healthcare context alongside acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine, as part of the network of primary healthcare providers, tailoring treatments to the requirements of patients.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of our Diploma of Tuina trend toward combining it with the Bachelor of Acupuncture and or Chinese Herbal Medicine diploma in practice. They establish private practices of their own, join or establish multidisciplinary practices or take advantage of flexible working hour opportunities as locums in existing Tuina practices.

Entry Requirements

- Only open to Year 2 and above NZSATCM BHSc students, or
- Graduates of NZSATCM BHSc to study on a part-time basis.

Course Programme details

Semester 1

T-PROF-101: Professional Studies
T-TCMT-101: TCM Theory
T-TUIP-101: Tuina
T-WMS-101: Anatomy, Physiology
T-WMS-111: Microbiology

Semester 1

T-CLN-201: Clinical Assistant
T-DDX-201: Diagnosis
T-TCMT-201: TCM Theory
T-TUIP-201: Tuina
T-WMS-201: Pathology

Year 1

Semester 2

T-CLN-102: Clinical Assistant
T-TCMT-102: TCM Theory
T-TUIP-102: Tuina
T-WMS-102: Anatomy, Physiology
T-WMS-112: Human Development

Year 2

Semester 2

T-CLN-202: Clinical Training
T-DDX-202: Diagnosis
T-TCMT-202: TCM Theory
T-TUIP-202: Tuina
T-WMS-202: Pathology

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

You Need to Know About:

- Language Requirements
- Fees protection
- Immigration
- Medical insurance
- Code of practice



Language Requirements

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority requires English language proficiency indicated as follows:

- For a level 8/9 Degree, IELTS academic score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6; or equivalent.
- For a level 7 Diploma or Degree, IELTS academic score of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5; or equivalent.

Fees Protection

The New Zealand Government requires that all New Zealand Qualifications Authority registered private training establishments (education providers) must protect all student fees paid to them in advance. This means that in the unlikely event that the education provider has to close before the completion of the student's course, the remainder of the student fees will be protected. Fees protected within a trust account means that the student will have the choice to receive any remaining fees back or have them paid directly to an alternative education provider.

The School arranges fee protection with Public Trust. Fees deposited and protected by Public Trust are held in the Trust's common funds. Details of fee protection with Public Trust are on its website at: publictrust.co.nz

Immigration

International students must meet certain visa requirements while studying in New Zealand. Information on visa application, variation to visa conditions and rights to employment is available on the immigration New Zealand website at: immigration.govt.nz

Medical Insurance

International students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand unless they are a resident or citizen of Australia, or a national of the United Kingdom in New Zealand, or the holder of a temporary permit that is valid for two years or more.

If a student does not belong to one of these categories and receives medical treatment while in New Zealand, they will be liable for the full costs of that treatment.

The School cannot be held responsible for any sickness, injury, damage or loss incurred by the student within the School or on the School's activities or tours, or in the student's place of accommodation. Insurance cover is compulsory by law for all international students.

Students are advised to take up travel/medical insurance prior to arrival in New Zealand. This gives insurance cover for travel to New Zealand and the cost of medical treatment in New Zealand for the duration of study at the School.

Depending on illness, medical history and the policy type, a student may receive refund of all or most of their medical costs from the insurance organisation.

International Code of Practice

The Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students sets out the minimum standards of advice and care that are expected of educational providers with respect to international students. The Code applies to pastoral care and provision of information only, and not to academic standards.

The School is a signatory to, and has agreed to observe and be bound by, the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from the School or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at: education.govt.nz

As a supportive and friendly place to learn, the School is a nurturing ground for international students, pursuing a career in acupuncture and TCM.

We provide quality support services to help international students adjust to living and studying in New Zealand. Learning support and counseling services are available to facilitate the success of the student.



The appreciation of acupuncture as a discipline for delivering healing grew as Sejal Patel started her study. It took a leap after she received acupuncture treatment for a longstanding problem.

"It worked. The wonderful thing was this convinced my mother to also receive treatment and she felt better. I know my mother had fully accepted my new career choice when I heard her telling extended family members all about acupuncture," said Sejal.

"Looking back, I think my mother had contributed to the choice I made. Her use of traditional Indian home remedies like ginger, tumeric and tulsi had given me confidence in alternative medicines from a young age."

– Sejal Patel, Graduate

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