

# Fall 2006-2007 Catalog Revision Changes/Updates

## Catalog, Part 1

The following changes affect all students of Pacific College as of September 2006, unless another start date is noted:

### 1. Changes to the Mission Statement, partially in response to community feedback:

“The mission of Pacific College of Oriental Medicine is to critically assess and present the theories and practices of Oriental medicine, together with its traditional and modern derivations, in order that its exemplary graduates may deliver ~~effective~~ the highest standard of patient care within their scope of practice. Pacific College (San Diego, New York, and Chicago) presents this body of knowledge to students in undergraduate and post-graduate degree programs, as well as certificate programs, and to practitioners through continuing education.”

### 2. Degree, Diploma, and Certificate Titles and state approvals & Programs

Added:

#### San Diego Campus:

- Bachelor of Health Sciences (B.H.S.)
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
- Massage Therapist/Asian Bodywork Certificate (MTh)
- The former H.H.P. certificate has evolved into the current A.A.S.
- The former A.B.T. has evolved into the current Bachelor of Health Science (B.H.S.)

#### New York Campus:

- Bachelor of Professional Studies, (B.P.S.),
- Associate of Occupational Science (A.O.S.)

### 3. Licensing Examinations

...Graduates of Pacific’s Massage Therapy/Asian Bodywork certificate, Associate degrees, and Bachelor degrees may be eligible, depending on their course selection, to take the massage exams administered by the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork.

### 4. Part Two of the Catalog

...An electronic compact disc version is given to all applicants; it is available in bound and printed form upon request. It is also available on the web at [www.PacificCollege.edu](http://www.PacificCollege.edu).

### 5. The Department of Herbology

The Shang Han Lun course is now entitled and covers “Shang Han Lun/Wen Bing (Survey of the Classics).

## **6. The Department of Basic and Biomedical Sciences**

The Medical Report Writing class returns to a two unit course (Spring 2007). It was offered as one unit for three terms.

## **7. Specialty Electives**

A section has been added to the catalog describing several electives now offered on a regular basis.

## **8. Study Abroad in China (starts: Spring 2007)**

This option has been added “to do additional internship training in China in the semester following completion of their nine Senior Internship courses.” The student must register for study abroad during their final semester if financial aid is to be used to pay for this study and graduation is postponed until the end of the semester in which they visit China. This may affect eligibility for state licensing exams.

## **9. Department Name Change**

The “Oriental Body Therapy Department” has been changed to “Department of Asian Holistic Health and Massage”.

## **10. Programs No Longer Offered (as of Winter 2007)**

(except for teach-out of those already enrolled)

### **San Diego:**

Holistic Health Practitioner  
Asian Body Therapist  
Massage Therapist (500 hour)

## **11. Admissions Requirements (New Massage Programs)**

- For all but the Bachelor’s degrees, applicants are required to provide an official high school transcript of grades earned.
- Bachelor degree applicants “must have earned an associate degree or higher”.
- Bachelor degree students: “Prior to graduation, the student must demonstrate that they have completed thirty units of general education with at least one course in each of the following five categories: written and oral communication; quantitative principles; natural and physical sciences; social and behavioral sciences; and humanities and fine arts. The remainder of the required general education courses must provide an appropriate balance of natural and physical sciences; social and behavioral sciences; and humanities and fine arts which are designed to develop the essential academic skills for enhanced and continued learning. Most students with an academic associate degree will have earned these credits.”

## **12. Advisory Board Additions**

- The San Diego campus has added an Advisory Board for both the Massage and Acupuncture Programs.
- The New York campus has added a Massage Advisory Board.

**The following changes primarily affect only students entering the college as of Fall 2006 and after:**

- 1. Course Numbering System [changed from previous catalog versions]**  
...Courses 100-200 are lower division level. 300-400 are upper division and are open to students in bachelor and master degree programs. 500 and above are graduate level courses and open only to master degree students.
- 2. Department of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**
  - The Needle Technique and Advanced Needle Technique courses no longer are listed as having a course number for the Lab portion of the class.
  - Acupuncture Points 5 is now followed by the words (Point Selection) instead of (Scalp Acupuncture and Point Combination Review)
- 3. Model Curricula: Master degrees**  
Internship courses are now entitled “Senior Internship” to differentiate them more clearly from “Associate Internship”.
- 4. English Language Requirements**  
“Applicants to the Associate and certificate programs must take the TOEFL exam and achieve a score of 500 on the paper-based exam or 173 on the computer-based exam. A TSE score of 40 is acceptable.”

**The following changes affect only students entering the college as of Winter 2007 and after:**

- 1. Admissions Requirements (Master of Science degree programs)**  
“Applicants who have not completed a Bachelor degree, and Associate of Science, or an Associate of Arts must demonstrate completion of 30 units of general education prior to semester 5 of the Master degree program, with at least one course in each of the following five categories: written and oral communication; quantitative principles; natural and physical sciences; social and behavioral sciences; and humanities and fine arts. Most candidates will have earned all or most of these credits within their pre-requisite, academic courses. Any remaining may be taken while completing the first four semesters at Pacific College.”

**Catalog, Part 2: Policies and Procedures**

**The following changes affect all students of Pacific College as of September 2006, unless otherwise noted:**

- 1. Applicant Status**  
[New] Students may now obtain financial aid if “accepted with requirements” (this used to be called “conditional acceptance”), but still may not receive financial aid if

“accepted with administrative deficiencies”, e.g, missing transcripts, personal statement, etc...

## **2. Payment of Tuition by Credit Card (Starts Winter 2007)**

“Due to the expense incurred by the college...any use of credit cards for tuition is subject to a credit card fee.” The fee has been set at 2%.

## **3. Late Payment Fees**

“Students with a balance due will not be allowed to register for subsequent semesters.”

## **4. Challenge Exams**

“Challenged courses count as transfer for purposes of California Acupuncture Board eligibility.”

## **5. Independent Study (Officially changed Winter 2007)**

The term has changed to “Individual Instruction”

## **6. Satisfactory Progress**

Added: “A student may appeal the designation of unsatisfactory progress, the termination of financial aid, or any other matter pertaining to financial aid to the Admissions and Advancement Committee based upon extenuating circumstances. In such cases, the Committee may determine that the student is making satisfactory progress toward the degree despite the failure to conform within the time frame or minimum grade average. Financial aid appeals must be made within the semester to which the financial aid applied. “

## **7. Leave of Absence**

“...A leave of absence may not exceed 180 days within any 12-month period. A student may be granted more than one leave of absence in the event unforeseen circumstances arise, such as medical reasons affecting the student or a member of the student’s immediate family, military service requirements, or jury duty, provided that the combined leaves of absence do not exceed 180 days within the 12-month period. The college requires that a leave of absence request be signed by the student on leave. If the student does not return following the leave of absence period, the school will apply its refund policy in accordance with the applicable and published requirements.”

## **8. Readmission from Leave of Absence**

“...Students absent without an approved leave of absence must apply for readmission and be admitted through the normal admissions process before being allowed to register. Students accepted for readmission are subject to the same curriculum and conditions applicable to a first-time applicant as stated in the catalog which is current at the time of reapplication. Pacific College students returning to the program after a hiatus of longer than 1 year may be required to repeat courses as remedial work.”

## **9. Disqualification**

Statement added: “Probation and disqualification are documented in the student’s academic file and transcript.”

## **10. Readmission from Academic Disqualification**

“A student who is disqualified from a program may be allowed to reapply to the program following the successful completion of requirements assigned by the Academic Dean. No guaranty of reacceptance is made.”

## **11. Disciplinary Actions**

- “Any... [violation] may be documented on the student’s transcripts.”
- Added: “Willful disregard of college policy.”

## **12. Readmission from Disciplinary Disqualification**

“Students are typically not readmitted to the college following most disciplinary disqualifications.”

## **13. CALE Exam Preparation**

In San Diego: “This is a required course whether or not the student plans to take the CALE exam immediately upon graduation.”

## **14. Licensing Examinations**

Added: “For NCBTMB application, contact the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB), 1901 S. Meyers Rd., Ste. 240, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181-5243, or 1-800-296-0664. <http://www.ncbtmb.com/>”

## **15. Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF)**

Clarification added: “Students pay a fee, typically \$2.50 per \$1000 in tuition, which is collected each semester by the college and paid into the STRF. When the fund is over-funded, the state informs the college not to collect the fee.”

**The following changes primarily affect only students entering the college or the new programs Fall 2006 and after:**

### **1. General Graduation Requirements**

- GPA of 2.0 or higher for undergraduate and certificate program students.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher for graduate students.

#### **San Diego:**

- Associate of Applied Science in Holistic Health Science  
...must complete [required and elective courses outlined] to total at least 65 units.
- Bachelor of Health Science in Asian Holistic Health and Massage  
...comprises 14.5 units of preparatory course work plus 60 units of upper division work....In addition, [students] must complete a minimum of 60 units of upper division courses. At least 20 units must be from the Oriental Medicine titles and 20 units from the Massage course titles. The remaining 20 units may be from either

category. Refer to the [Massage Therapy] Chart of Courses for course prerequisites.”  
[And course choices]

### **New York:**

- Associate of Occupational Science in Massage Therapies  
...must complete [required coursework] to total at least 62.5 units.
- Bachelor of Professional Studies in Asian Holistic Health and Massage  
...comprises 13.5 units of preparatory course work plus 60 units of upper division work....In addition, [students] must complete a minimum of 60 units of upper division courses from the list [provided in the catalog]. Refer to the [Massage Therapy] Chart of Courses for course prerequisites.” [And course choices]

## **2. Student Course Load**

### **•Bachelor’s Degree**

Full time Bachelor degree students normally complete the program in five to seven semesters, i.e., one year and eight months to two years and four months. They will take six to seven classes per semester.

### **•Associate Degree**

Full time Associate degree students may complete the program in as little as four to six semesters, i.e., one year and four months to two years. They will take six to seven classes per semester.

### **•Massage Therapist/Asian Bodywork Certificate (San Diego only)**

The Massage Therapist/Asian Bodywork Certificate is normally completed in three semesters, i.e. one year. Full time students will take four to six classes per semester.

## **3. Charts of Courses**

Many new charts have been added and or updated in Part 2 of the catalog.

See pages 16-25 for the following informative charts:

- Oriental Medicine (MSTOM and MSAC degrees)**
- Massage Therapy (San Diego: Mtech, Tui Na, MTh/AB Certificate, AAS and BHS degrees)**
- Massage Therapy (New York: BPS and AOS)**
- MSTOM Student Options for Massage degrees and certificates (San Diego)**
- MSTOM/MSAC Student Option for AOS degree (New York)**
- MSTOM/MSAC Student Option for BPS degree (New York)**

## **4. Chart Codes**

- Certificate Programs: 1 unit of class is equivalent to 14 hours of instruction  
1 unit of clinic is equivalent to 30 hours of instruction

## **5. Maximum Completion Period**

“For our clock hour programs, the maximum time frame shall not exceed 1.5 times the normal duration of the program. For the credit hour program, the credit hours attempted cannot exceed 1.5 times the credit hours required to complete the program. For our credit hour programs, the credit hours attempted cannot exceed 1.5 times the credit hours required to complete the program.

Maximum completion periods are as follows:

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| Massage Technician                    | 2 semesters |
| Massage Therapist/Asian Bodywork      | 5 semesters |
| A.O.S. and A.A. S.                    | 8 semesters |
| B.H.S. and B.P.S. completion programs | 9 semesters |

...Terms where an official Leave of absence (LOA) has been taken are not counted toward the total terms in the program.”

### **6. Master’s Comprehensive Examinations**

“...In addition, M.S. students must have the following GPAs to be eligible for the comprehensive exams:

- First comprehensive exam – 2.0
- Second comprehensive exam – 2.75
- Third comprehensive exam – 3.0

### **7. Academic Probation**

A student may be placed on academic probation for...the following reason [in addition to ones in effect before Fall 2006]:

- ”The student has completed all courses required for comprehensive exams with a GPA less than that required to take the exam.”