

A close-up photograph of a person's back with several acupuncture needles inserted into the skin. A hand is visible on the right, holding one of the needles. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown. A large, stylized white graphic of a person's head and shoulders is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# ACUPUNCTURE & CHINESE MEDICINE PROGRAMS



PACIFIC COLLEGE  
of HEALTH AND SCIENCE

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## LEARN TO INTEGRATE ANCESTRAL KNOWLEDGE AND MODERN SCIENCE

Chinese medicine is one of the oldest continuous systems of medicine in history, with recorded instances dating as far back as 2,500 years. However, the origin and development of the profession of Chinese medicine in the United States has only truly occurred in the last few decades, with Pacific College one of its biggest champions since 1986!

More recently, acupuncture and other similar East Asian modalities such as herbology or tui na bodywork have increasingly gained in popularity. In fact, they have evolved into **one of the most utilized forms of complementary integrative medicine interventions in the United States**. According to the National Institute of Health (NIH), more than 10 million acupuncture treatments are administered annually in the United States alone. This rise in popularity can be attributed in part to its documented effectiveness for pain relief, nausea, allergies, and other chronic and acute conditions, and in part to the fact that scientific studies have begun to prove its efficacy.

This goal has been largely achieved as reflected in the adoption of licensure laws in virtually all states, the recognition of holistic healthcare as a viable modality in the U.S., and the growing number of third-party payers that offer insurance coverage for Chinese and East Asian medicine treatments. **The National Institutes of Health recognize the usefulness of acupuncture in treating addiction, fibromyalgia, headaches, cramps, back pain, osteoarthritis, carpal tunnel, asthma and much more.**

## FIVE REASONS TO PURSUE YOUR CHINESE MEDICINE EDUCATION AT PACIFIC COLLEGE



### ROBUST CLINICAL COMPONENT

Each campus boasts a [busy clinic](#) open to the public and offers a variety of off-site clinics where you can work on the community under the supervision of an instructor. Examples of off-site clinics include Rady's Children Hospital in San Diego, Beth Israel Continuum Cancer Center in New York, Chicago Women's Health Center, and many more.



### ACCREDITATION



Pacific College's acupuncture and Chinese medicine programs are endorsed under the umbrella of our prestigious institutional WASC [accreditation](#), and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (ACAHM).



### LEGACY INSTITUTION

Since 1986, Pacific College has led the movement and trained thousands of dedicated practitioners. We tirelessly advocate for research and regulation, and even offered the very first doctorate completion program for acupuncturists holding a master's degree back in 2016.



### ALUMNI NETWORK

Once you enroll at Pacific, you become part of the largest network of acupuncture and Chinese medicine professionals in the US. The Pacific College Alumni Network (PCAN) offers many [opportunities and benefits](#) such as career assistance, patient referrals, library access and free directory listing.



### PACIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2023, legendary [Pacific Symposium](#) is the largest acupuncture conference in the nation.

# ON-CAMPUS AND SEMI-HYBRID GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Pacific College of Health and Science offers a variety of acupuncture and Chinese medicine programs at its three beautiful campuses. Note that many of the didactic classes are also offered online, which can allow you to start your education in your own location, and either commute or relocate later, once starting the hands-on and clinical parts of the programs.

## SAN DIEGO

- Doctor of Acupuncture with a Chinese Herbal Medicine Specialization (DAcCHM)\*
- Master of Science in Acupuncture with a Chinese Herbal Medicine Specialization (MSAcCHM)\*\*

## NEW YORK

- Master of Science in Acupuncture (MSAc)
- Master of Science in Acupuncture with a Chinese Herbal Medicine Specialization (MSAcCHM)\*\*
- Certificate in Chinese Herbal Medicine

## CHICAGO

- Doctor of Acupuncture with a Chinese Herbal Medicine Specialization (DAcCHM)\*
- Master of Science in Acupuncture with a Chinese Herbal Medicine Specialization (MSAcCHM)\*\*
- Certificate in Chinese Herbal Medicine (CCHM)
- Master of Science in Acupuncture (MSAc)

## ONLINE

- Transitional Doctorate for Master's Graduates
- Facial Applications for Cosmetic Enhancements (FACE)





# CORE BELIEFS & INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

Since our inception, we have believed that health is more than the absence of disease and must include the balance of the mind, body, and spirit. **Pacific College views medicine as preventative, holistic, and patient-centered.** All members of the Pacific College community embody the intention of improving lives exponentially by supporting health and well-being through our daily actions.

## CRITICAL THINKING

Identify and solve problems that require the integration of multiple contexts.

## ETHICAL AND MORAL DECISION-MAKING SKILLS

Demonstrate the highest quality of decision-making, governed by ethical principles, integrity, honesty, and compassion.

## EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICE

Utilize best available research and apply relevant findings to teaching, learning, and the care of patients, clients, families, and communities.

## INTEGRATIVE HEALTH

Understand factors that influence health, wellness, and disease including mind, body, spirit, and community.

## COMPASSIONATE PRACTICE

Provide compassionate approaches to healthcare delivery when interacting with patients, clients, families, and communities.

## INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Use interpersonal skills to maintain professional relationships with patients, clients, healthcare professionals, and communities.

## COLLABORATION SKILLS

Collaborate with patients, clients, healthcare professionals, and communities to develop plans of care to achieve positive health outcomes.

## EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Interact and collaborate with diverse individuals and groups while acknowledging each other's perspectives and biases.

## LIFELONG LEARNING

Engage in lifelong self-directed learning to validate continued competence in practice.



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## START DATES:

- Winter: January
- Spring: May
- Fall: September

## PREREQUISITES:

- Master Programs: Bachelor's degree, associate degree, or 60 college credits, 15 of which must be general education.
- Doctorate Programs: Minimum of 90 college credits, 15 of which must be in general education.
- Advanced Programs: Active acupuncture license.
- 2.75 undergraduate GPA

## CO-REQUISITES (DOCTORATE PROGRAMS ONLY):

General psychology, general biology, and general chemistry (these courses can count toward the 90-unit prerequisite, and the general education requirements)

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed [application](#)
- \$50 application fee
- 1-2 page essay detailing interest and motivation to complete the program
- Official transcripts from all colleges previously attended
- Final interview with member of Admissions Committee

## PROGRAM LENGTH:

- 9-11 terms for full-time students
- Part-time schedule also available

## TUITION & FEES:

- Varies by program and campus, as well as the number of credits transferred.
- Financial aid and other financing options available for those who qualify.



READY TO APPLY?

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ACHIEVEMENTS!



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