

School of Health Science

Bachelor of Science in Oriental Medicine (BSOM)

The Bachelor of Science program in Oriental Medicine provides students with training in medical science, acupuncture, Oriental Medicine and herbology theories foundation practice breathing exercise, Qi Gong, and Chinese hand manipulation therapy technique, Tuina, and acupressure.

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Science in Oriental Medicine, students are prepared for assistant or management careers at an Acupuncture clinic and practice Tuina and acupressure to help patients relieve pains and discomfort. Students are also prepared to advance their education to the Master of Science in Oriental Medicine which cover comprehensive curriculum based on the scope of California Acupuncture License Exam (CALE). Students should note that performing acupuncture or the needling on human body is only permitted with a valid acupuncturist license which is only issued to practitioners who successfully pass CALE. Students may refer to the website of California Acupuncture Board, www.acupuncture.ca.gov for further detail on licensing and requirements.

Program Objectives:

The BSOM curriculum is designed to enable students to:

1. Know basic theories, concepts and knowledge in medical science, acupuncture, Oriental medicine, and Chinese herbology
2. Apply natural healing art techniques in a clinic setting ethically and within professional boundary
3. Develop communication skills with the application of professional terminology
4. Recognize how the practice of Oriental medicine works in synergy with the enhancement of community wellbeing
5. Demonstrate basic knowledge and skills required for a competent assistant in complementary medicine facilities

Admission Requirements:

Students desiring admission to the Bachelor of Science in Oriental Medicine program with concentration in Oriental Medicine must meet the following requirements:

1. Completed their high school education or G.E.D. with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 or better.
2. Completed or be enrolled concurrently in General Education courses not less than 45 semester units or the equivalent covering various academic disciplines which must include 6 units of English writing and communication, 6 units of mathematics, 6 units of natural science, 6 units of social science, and 6 units of Humanities. General Education courses students are concurrently enrolled in must be completed prior to the completion of the BS program. The minimum G.P.A. attained must be of 2.0 or better. GE courses are offered at community/city colleges.

International Student Admission Requirements:

Unless a graduate from a US high school or foreign equivalent where English was the language of instruction evidenced by an official transcript, or a student having taken at least 2 years of education in a college program where English was the language of instruction evidenced by an official transcript, an applicant whose native language is not English must satisfy English proficiency requirement for admission to the BSOM program by scoring a TOEFL test with at least 450 PBT, 133 CBT or 45 iBT; a TOEIC of at least 480 or a IELTS of 4.



Graduation Requirements:

To receive the Bachelor of Science in Oriental Medicine degree, students must meet the following academic requirements:

- completed at least 68 quarter units (45 semester units) or equivalent in General Education Courses
- completed 103 quarter units in Acupuncture, Basic Science, Oriental Medicine, Herbology and other related Courses prescribed by the program
- complete at least additional 9 quarter units in general education or advance studies in Acupuncture, Basic Science, Herbology, Oriental Medicine, Clinical Science or Professional Development
- maintained a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 or better

BSOM Curriculum

The BSOM curriculum includes 68 quarter units (45 semester units) in General Education Courses, and 103 quarter units in Oriental Medicine concentration courses as listed below.

Oriental Medicine Concentration Courses Required: 103 quarter Units

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Course No.</u> | <u>Course Title</u> | <u>Units</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Acupuncture | AC 1221 | Introduction to Acupuncture I | 3 |
| | AC 1222 | Introduction to Acupuncture II | 3 |
| | AC 1211 | Acupuncture Meridian Theory | 2 |
| | AC 1241 | Acupressure and Tuina Therapy | 3 |
| | AC 2231 | Dynamics of Acupuncture Points | 3 |
| | AC 3231 | Microtherapy of Acupuncture/Auricular & Scalp Therapy | 3 |
| | Total | | |
| Basic Science | BS 1111 | Human Biology | 3 |
| | BS 1171 | Topographic Anatomy | 2 |
| | BS 2181 | Anatomy and Physiology I | 3 |
| | BS 2182 | Anatomy and Physiology II | 3 |
| | BS 2183 | Anatomy and Physiology III | 3 |
| | BS 3141 | Nutrition in Primary Care | 2 |
| Total | | | 16 |
| Herboloty | HB 1411 | Botany and Introduction to Herbology | 3 |
| | HB 2421 | Chinese Herbology I | 4 |
| | HB 2422 | Chinese Herbology II | 4 |
| | HB 2423 | Chinese Herbology III | 4 |
| | HB 2424 | Chinese Herbology IV | 4 |
| | HB 3431 | Herbal Formulas Compound and Synthesis | 2 |
| | HB 3460 | Herbal Pharmacy | 3 |
| Total | | | 24 |
| Oriental Medicine | OM 2311 | Fundamental Theories of Chinese Medicine I | 3 |
| | OM 2312 | Fundamental Theories of Chinese Medicine II | 2 |
| | OM 1312 | Chinese Medical Terminology/Literature | 2 |
| | OM 3320 | Chinese Medical Diagnosis | 3 |
| | OM 1311 | History & Philosophy of Oriental Medicine | 2 |
| | OM 1321 | Qi Gong Theory and Technique | 2 |
| | OM 1322 | Tai Chi Exercise | 2 |
| | OM 4321 | Zangfu Syndromes I | 3 |
| | OM 4322 | Zangfu Syndromes II | 3 |
| Total | | | 22 |



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| Clinical Science | CS 1511 | Western Medical Terminology | 2 |
| | CS 1521 | Survey of Clinical Medicine | 3 |
| | CS 3521 | Medical Assessment / Physical Examination | 3 |
| | Total | | |
| Practice Management | PM 1921 | CPR | 1 |
| | PM 1911 | World History of Medicine & Prof Development | 3 |
| | PM 4721 | Management for Clinic Practice I | 2 |
| | PM 4722 | Management for Clinic Practice II | 2 |
| | PM 2723 | Ethics and Legal Professional Issues | 2 |
| Total | | | 10 |
| Clinical Training | CT 3461 | Herbal Pharmacy Lab | 2 |
| | CT 4021 | Clinical Observation I | 2 |
| | CT 4022 | Clinical Observation I: Procedure | 2 |
| Total | | | 6 |
| Electives | Choose from General Education, Acupuncture, Basic Science, Herbology, Oriental Medicine, Clinical Science or Prof Develop | | 9 |
| Total | | | 9 |

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