

MAOM Program Overview

AAAOM's Masters Degree Program in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine prepares graduates to competently use acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, Tui Na and Oriental dietary therapy and the other healing modalities of traditional Chinese medicine to accurately diagnose and effectively treat patients. The program meets the standards required to allow students to successfully take the acupuncture, Chinese herbology, and Oriental medicine diplomate exams of the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM).

The total curriculum of 3150 hours (180 credits) includes 1710 hours of didactic instruction on acupuncture, herbs and Oriental medicine, 540 hours of bioscience-related material and 900 hours of clinical observation and experience. Within the curriculum, students may emphasize acupuncture, Chinese herbology, and/or Oriental medicine, and they may focus on one or more of areas of specialization in traditional Chinese internal medicine, such as gynecology, pediatrics, or dermatology. The program runs twelve trimesters, with fifteen weeks per trimester. The maximum time to program completion is eight years. Part-time study is allowed.

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AAAOM Four-Year Program Course Outline FIRST YEAR CODE COURSE

TITLE	HOURS	CREDITS	HOURS/WEEK
TCM Theory	110	11	10
Meridians	102	10	10
TCM In Chinese Culture	103	10	10
Anatomy & Physiology I	104	10	10
Western Medical Terminology	105	10	10
Surface Anatomy	106	10	10
Tai Chi	107	10	10
Clinical Observation	108	10	10
FIRST TRIMESTER TOTAL 270			
TCM Diagnostics I	171	17	18
Point Location	120	12	12
TCM Pathology	120	12	12
Anatomy & Physiology II	120	12	12
Microbiology	120	12	12
Dietary Therapy I	120	12	12
Healing Qi Gong	120	12	12
Clinical Observation	120	12	12
SECOND TRIMESTER TOTAL 270			
TCM Diagnostics II	171	17	18
Point Location II	130	13	13
Clinical Chinese Herbology I	130	13	13
Anatomy & Physiology III	130	13	13
Dietary Therapy II	130	13	13
Clinical Observation III	130	13	13
FIRST YEAR TOTAL 270			
SECOND YEAR CODE COURSE			
TCM Diagnostics III	102	10	10
Acupuncture Prescriptions	102	10	10
Clinical Chinese Herbology II	102	10	10
Western Medical Pathology I	102	10	10
Medical Chinese* Clinical Observation	102	10	10
FIRST TRIMESTER TOTAL 270			
OSHA/CNT	122	12	12
Acupuncture Techniques	122	12	12
Clinical Chinese Herbology III	122	12	12
CP/R.F.A. Western Medical Pathology II	122	12	12
Clinical Observation V	122	12	12
SECOND TRIMESTER TOTAL 210			
TCM Treatment Principles	131	13	13
Auricular Acupuncture	131	13	13
Chinese Herbal Formulas I	131	13	13
Western Physical Examination	131	13	13
Medical Tui Na	131	13	13
Clinical Observation VI	131	13	13
FIRST YEAR TOTAL 240			
PRECLINICAL EXAMINATION THIRD YEAR CODE COURSE			
TCM Internal Medicine I	310	31	31
Neurological Disorders in TCM	103	10	10
Chinese Herbal Formulas II	103	10	10
Western Internal Medicine	103	10	10
Advanced Acupuncture Techniques	103	10	10
Clinical Practice I	103	10	10
FIRST TRIMESTER TOTAL 330			
Internal Medicine II	182	18	18
Musculo-Skeletal Disorders	232	23	23
Chinese Herbal Formulas III	203	20	20
Pediatric Tui Na	203	20	20
Scalp and Hand Acupuncture	203	20	20
Clinical Practice II	203	20	20
SECOND TRIMESTER TOTAL 330			
Dermatology	182	18	18
Chinese Patent Medicine	232	23	23
Survey of Health Care System	203	20	20
Lab Data Reading	203	20	20
Yellow Emperor's Classic of Medicine* Clinical Practice III	203	20	20
THIRD YEAR TOTAL 240			
FOURTH YEAR CODE COURSE			
TCM Gynecology	104	10	10
Acupuncture Gynecology	104	10	10
Western Gynecology	104	10	10
TCM Geriatrics	104	10	10
Science-Based Acupuncture* Clinical Practice IV	104	10	10
FIRST TRIMESTER TOTAL 270			
Psychology	141	14	14
Western Pharmacology	141	14	14
Medical Referral	141	14	14
TCM Counseling	141	14	14
Advanced Herbal Prescriptions* Clinical Practice V	141	14	14
SECOND TRIMESTER TOTAL 290			
COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION			
TCM Case Studies	430	43	43
TCM Pediatrics	430	43	43
Practical Management	430	43	43
Ethics, Legal and Professional Issues	430	43	43
Sensory Organ Disorders in TCM* Clinical Practice VI	430	43	43
THIRD TRIMESTER TOTAL 290			
PROGRAM TOTAL 3280			

*Designates Elective Courses