

School of Health Science

Associate in Science in Oriental Medicine (ASOM)

The Associate in Science program in Oriental Medicine option provides students with introductory knowledge of basic medical science, acupuncture, Oriental Medicine and herbology theories, and the practice of breathing exercise, Qi Gong, and Chinese hand manipulation therapy technique, Tuina, and acupressure.

Upon completion of the Associate in Science in Oriental Medicine program, students are prepared for an entry level of career 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 bachelor level of the Oriental medicine or to the Master of Science in Oriental Medicine which will qualify students upon completion to sit for 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 section on the academic program information of the “Master of Science in Oriental Medicine” in this Catalog and the website of California Acupuncture Board, www.acupuncture.ca.gov for further detail on licensing and requirements.

Admission Requirements:

Students desiring admission to the Associate in Science 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 21 semester units or the equivalent covering various academic disciplines which must include 6 units of English writing and communication, 3 units of mathematics, 6 units of natural science, 3 units of social science, and 3 units of History. General Education courses students are concurrently enrolled in must be completed prior to the completion of the AS 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 ASOM 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 Associate in Science, Oriental Medicine degree, students must meet the following academic requirements:

- completed 32 quarter units (21 semester units) in General Education Courses
- completed 61 quarter units in Acupuncture, Basic Science, Oriental Medicine, Herbology and other related Courses
- maintained a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 or better



ASOM Curriculum

The ASOM curriculum includes 32 quarter units (21 semester units) in General Education Courses, and 61 quarter units in Oriental Medicine concentration courses as listed below.

Oriental Medicine Concentration Courses Required: 60 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 2222 | Introduction to Acupuncture II | 3 |
| | AC 4281 | Acupuncture Techniques I | 3 |
| | AC 5282 | Acupuncture Techniques II | 3 |
| | AC 8211 | Acupuncture Meridian Theory | 2 |
| | AC 0291 | Acupressure and Tuina Therapy | 3 |
| Total | | | 17 |
| Basic Science | BS 1171 | Topographic Anatomy | 2 |
| | BS 2181 | Anatomy and Physiology I | 3 |
| | BS 3182 | Anatomy and Physiology II | 3 |
| | BS 4183 | Anatomy and Physiology III | 3 |
| Total | | | 11 |
| Herbology | HB 1411 | Botany and Introduction to Herbology | 3 |
| | HB 2421 | Chinese Herbology I | 4 |
| | HB 3422 | Chinese Herbology II | 4 |
| Total | | | 11 |
| Oriental Medicine | OM 1351 | Fundamental Theories of Chinese Medicine I | 3 |
| | OM 2352 | Fundamental Theories of Chinese Medicine II | 2 |
| | OM 2341 | Chinese Medical Terminology/Literature | 2 |
| | OM 2373 | Chinese Medical Diagnosis | 3 |
| | OM 3311 | History & Philosophy of Oriental Medicine | 2 |
| | OM 2321 | Qi Gong Theory and Technique | 2 |
| Total | | | 14 |
| Clinical Science | CS 1511 | Western Medical Terminology | 2 |
| Total | | | 2 |
| Practice Management | PM 1911 | World History of Medicine & Prof Development | 3 |
| | PM 9723 | Ethics and Legal Professional Issues | 2 |
| Total | | | 5 |

Notice to Prospective Students

This ASOM program is currently pending for approval by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.