

School of Oriental Medicine

Kingston University offers a complete study program in Oriental Medicine. Upon successful completion, students will be granted Master of Science in Oriental Medicine degree and qualified to participate in the California Acupuncture Licensure Exam (CALE).

The Master of Science in Oriental Medicine (MSOM) program provides strong background in Oriental Medicine, Western Sciences, Traditional theories, technical skills, and business management skills for the students who plan to work in the medical industry. It also offers students who have not yet decided on a doctoral program the opportunity to determine whether they have the interest and skill required for this degree.

Program Objectives

Students graduated from the MSOM program at Kingston University will be prepared to:

- competently apply the state-of-art medical practices developed based on Traditional Oriental Medicine philosophy of thousands-year old success and modern clinical applications within the scope of practice for a Licensed Acupuncturist in California.
- determine an appropriate diagnosis by employing theories and principles of Traditional Oriental Medicine and promptly formulate an effective treatment program.
- understand and communicate with other healthcare professionals so that an appropriate and informed referral for the patients to other healthcare professionals can be made promptly when necessary.
- perform to the highest ethical standards and professional conducts
- treat patients with respect, compassion and dignity and observe strict patient confidentiality at all time.
- explain and educate patients and the public in professional and friendly language and gesture in order to effectively enhance community well being with quality care service clinically and educationally.
- continuing professional knowledge development and practice enhancement as a lifelong career commitment



Admission Requirements

Students desiring admission to the MSOM programs must meet the following requirements:

1. Have completed at least 90 quarter or 60 semester units of undergraduate course works from an approved or accredited institution, or an equivalent foreign academic institution. The undergraduate course works completed should have a cumulative GPA. of at least 2.50. Official transcript(s) are required and must be sent directly from the issuing institutions to the Admission Office of the University.
2. Submission of an application and application fee.
3. Submission of two letters of recommendation
4. Submission of a statement or essay detailing why they wish to pursue the educational program.
5. Applicants whose native language is not English must satisfy English proficiency requirement by submitting either one of the following document:
 - a) a TOEFL score of at least 61 on iBT or Level 6 on IELTS
 - b) evidence (official transcript) of having taken at least 2 years of education in a program where English was the language of instruction, or
 - c) a proof of concurrent enrollment in an ESL program to improve English competency level and pass English Proficiency requirement stated in (a) above before beginning clinical experience.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete the degree program with a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 and must also satisfy all tuition obligations prior to graduation. Students must complete the 268 Quarter Units, or 2170 hours of didactic and 950 hours of clinical training, a total of 3,120 hours of course works. Students may obtain detail update course information from Kingston University Catalog.