

School of Health Science

Master of Science in Oriental Medicine

Kingston University offers a complete study program in Oriental Medicine covering comprehensive knowledge and training in clinical applications in Oriental Medicine, Acupuncture, Herbal treatments Western Sciences, business management skills and ethics. Upon successful completion, students will be granted Master of Science in Oriental Medicine degree and prepared to advance to a doctoral program in Oriental Medicine.

Program Objectives

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

- Articulate theories, concept and knowledge in medical science, acupuncture, Oriental Medicine and Chinese herbology,
- Design appropriate treatment programs by integrating knowledge and skill in biomedicine science, acupuncture, Oriental Medicine and herbal medicine,
- Perform appropriate treatments utilizing acupuncture, Oriental Medicine and herbal medicine practice ethically and within professional and legal boundary,
- Communicate with patients, healthcare professionals and the public by utilizing appropriate western medical and Oriental medicine languages,
- Model and promote the practice of Oriental medicine as a synergy to the enhancement of the community wellbeing,
- Evaluate and manage clinical cases and acupuncture and herb practice,
- Sit for standardized certification or licensure examination which covers contents similar to the curriculum completed.



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. 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 iBT with a minimum speaking score of 26 and listening of 22
 - b) evidence (official transcript) of having taken at least 2 years of education in a program where English was the language of instruction.

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.

Program Curriculum

The curriculum of the Master of Science in Oriental Medicine program is comprehensive, consists of 217 quarter units of didactic studies and 950 hours in clinical training. Students are referred to review the details of the curriculum and course information in the current Kingston University Catalog.

Licensing Requirements for Practicing Acupuncture

According to Article 2, Licensure Requirements, § 4935 of the BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE – ACUPUNCTURE LICENSE ACT and California Acupuncture Board requirements, individuals wishing to practice acupuncture in California must first obtain a state license, which requires qualifying for and passing California's written examination administered by the Acupuncture Board. Therefore, Licensees from other states or those individuals who have passed NCCAOM's examination (administered by the [National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine \(NCCAOM\)](http://www.nccaom.org)), may not practice until they have qualified for, taken and passed the California examination.

Individuals may obtain further information by contacting California Acupuncture Board through the following means:

Acupuncture Board
1747 N. Market Blvd, Suite 180
Sacramento, CA 95834
Website: www.acupuncture.ca.gov
Email: acupuncture@dca.ca.gov
Main Phone: (916) 515-5200
Fax: 916-928-2204

Curriculum Requirement for an Approved Education and Training Program

Pursuant to Section 1399.434 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations: To be approved by the Board, an acupuncture and Oriental medicine educational and training curriculum shall consist of at least 2,050 hours of didactic and laboratory training and at least 950 hours of supervised clinical instruction.

Kingston University developed its Master of Science in Oriental Medicine program based on the curriculum requirements set forth by California Acupuncture Board and accreditation criteria and standards of Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine with the goal of cultivating quality acupuncture and Oriental medicine professionals with high ethical and professional standards. The MSOM program curriculum consists of 2170 hours of didactic and 950 hours of supervised clinical instruction. It is comprehensive as it incorporates in-depth discussion on the application of acupuncture and herbal medicine in clinical specialty. Students will satisfy the educational and training requirement for California Acupuncture by completing all courses prescribed by the curriculum except the following specialty courses:

OM5321	Chinese Medicine Classics : Nei Jing	20 hours
OM5324	Synopsis of Jin Gui	30 hours
OM5332	Gynecology/Obstetrics in Oriental Medicine	30 hours
OM5333	Ophthalmology/Otolaryngology in OM	20 hours
OM5334	Pediatrics in Oriental Medicine	20 hours
TOTAL		120 Hours

Kingston University was first accredited by ACICS in 2014, and subsequently by ACCSC in May 2023. The University is committed to attaining the programmatic accreditation for its MSOM program by ACAHM to qualify its graduates to sit for CALE and become licensed to practice acupuncture in the state of California.