

ACUPUNCTURE

Faculty of Health and Community Studies
 Department of Allied Health and Human Performance
 MacEwan.ca/Acupuncture (<http://%E2%80%8BMacEwan.ca/Acupuncture>)

Acupuncture, a primary component of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), has established itself as a well-respected, regulated health profession in Alberta and other provinces in Canada. The fundamental theories of acupuncture are rooted in holistic ideas that developed in ancient China. Acupuncture promotes health, and is used to treat acute and chronic illness, mainly through the insertion of filiform needles to establish a healthy balance of the individual's energy and body functions.

The Acupuncture program prepares you to become a registered acupuncturist, subject to successful completion of the provincial enrolment examination for acupuncturists. Students receive the instruction needed to practice acupuncture competently based on the most recent national and international standards.

Career Potential

- Regulated Health Profession
- Recognized under the Health Disciplines Act
- Respected in the medical community
- Relatively few practicing Acupuncturists in Alberta with comprehensive training
- Private practice or multi-disciplinary clinics with chiropractors, massage therapists, physiotherapists, holistic health practitioners, naturopathic doctors, homeopathic practitioners and physicians

Transferability

Internal Opportunities

MacEwan University is committed to providing bridging and laddering opportunities to its certificate and diploma graduates. Graduates of this diploma may be granted up to 45 credits to the Bachelor of Arts degree or Bachelor of Science degree. Students are advised to consult a program advisor for specific admission requirements.

External Opportunities

Graduates have a wide range of continuing education options, ranging from ongoing study in specialty areas to undergraduate and graduate study at institutes and universities both nationally and internationally. Graduates of this diploma are eligible to apply for admission to the Bachelor of Health Science and General Studies degree programs at Thompson Rivers University.

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All the courses of the program directly related to Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) are taught by registered acupuncturists with extensive clinical and teaching experience. Basic western medical sciences are taught by specialists in the related fields.

Categories of Admission

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

Regular Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 60 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1 or ELA 30-2
2. One of Biology 30, Chemistry 30 or Science 30
3. One subject from Group C
4. Two subjects from Group A, B, C, or D

Notes:

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to present a broad range of subjects in order to benefit from the breadth of learning and to increase flexibility of future program and course choices.
- A maximum of two Group B subjects may be presented; they must be from different disciplines.
- A maximum of one Group D subject may be presented. Group D subjects used for admission must be 5-credit or any credit combination of at least 5 credits (e.g., two 3-credit subjects).

Applicants with nine or more post-secondary level credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Mature Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be 20 years of age or older and have been out of full-time high school at least one year by the beginning of the intake term. Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 60 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1 or ELA 30-2
2. One of Biology 30, Chemistry 30 or Science 30
3. One subject from Group A, B, C or D

Applicants with nine or more post-secondary level credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Previous Post-Secondary Work

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Admission in this category does not imply or guarantee the transfer of any coursework and/or credential unless a block transfer agreement (internal or external) is in effect and published in the calendar by the Office of the University Registrar. In addition, transfer of coursework does not imply or guarantee that an applicant will be admitted.

Applicants must have successfully completed one of the following from a recognized institution:

- A minimum of 24 university-level credits with a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and must have completed the required science course(s) listed under the Regular or Mature Admission category.

OR

- Completion of a two year diploma (or equivalent) in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), Holistic Health, Herbology, Massage Therapy, or complementary medicine.

Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

1. English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at MacEwan.ca/ELP (<http://MacEwan.ca/ELP>).

2. Other Admission Criteria

To be evaluated through the Program

Applicable to All Admission Categories

Applicants offered admission must present a clear Police Information Check (or equivalent from another policing agency) that includes a Vulnerable Sector Search. The Police Information Check must be submitted by the published document deadline and have been issued within three months of the start of the program intake term.

Program of Study

Course	Title	Credits
Year I		
Term I		
ACUP 105	Introduction to Qi Gong and Tui Na ¹	1
ACUP 106	Medical Terminology ¹	1
ACUP 117	Foundations of Traditional Chinese Medicine ¹	4
HLSC 104	Applied Human Anatomy ²	3
MTST 125	Physiology I ²	3
Three credits of university English (includes WRIT 101)		3
Credits		15
Term II		
ACUP 101	Meridian Systems and Acupuncture Points I ¹	3
ACUP 104	Diagnostics in Traditional Chinese Medicine ¹	3
ACUP 114	Introduction to Research Methodology ¹	2
ACUP 115	Qi Gong and Tui na II ¹	2
ACUP 119	Foundations of Traditional Chinese Medicine II ¹	3
MTST 126	Physiology II ²	3
Credits		16
Term III		
ACUP 103	Meridian Systems and Acupuncture Points II ¹	3
ACUP 108	Clinical Observation I ¹	1
ACUP 116	Traditional Chinese Medicine Diagnostics Lab ¹	1
ACUP 124	Introduction to Medical Microbiology ¹	3
Credits		8

Year II

Term IV

ACUP 110	Meridian Systems and Acupuncture Points III ¹	3
ACUP 112	Traditional Chinese Medicine Internal Therapeutics I ¹	2
ACUP 113	Clinical Observation and Practice I ¹	1
ACUP 203	Therapeutic Principles of Acupuncture, Point Selection and Combination ¹	2
ACUP 205	Traditional Chinese Medicine Modalities I ¹	1
HLST 150	Pathophysiology ²	3
Credits		12

Term V

ACUP 201	Extra Meridians & Microsystems ¹	2
ACUP 204	Traditional Chinese Medicine Internal Therapeutics II ¹	3
ACUP 208	Clinical Observation and Practice II ¹	2
ACUP 210	Traditional Chinese Medicine Modalities II ¹	3
ACUP 213	Traditional Chinese Medicine External Therapeutics I ¹	3
Credits		13

Term VI

ACUP 209	Internal Medicine ¹	3
ACUP 211	Traditional Chinese Medicine Internal Therapeutics III ¹	3
ACUP 215	Internship I ¹	1
ACUP 216	Traditional Chinese Medicine External Therapeutics II ¹	2
Credits		9

Year III

Term VII

ACUP 206	Traditional Chinese Medicine Nutrition, Lifestyle and Zhong Yao ¹	3
ACUP 214	Clinical Case Studies I ¹	1
ACUP 218	Professional Ethics and Acupuncture Regulations ¹	1
ACUP 220	Internship II ¹	2
ACUP 221	Traditional Chinese Medicine Internal Therapeutics IV ¹	3
Credits		10

Term VIII

ACUP 111	Diagnostics in Traditional Chinese Medicine II ¹	3
ACUP 303	Internship III ¹	2
ACUP 305	Practice Management and Professional Entry Requirements ¹	3
ACUP 320	Pharmacological Therapy ¹	3
Credits		11

Term IX

ACUP 219	Clinical Case Studies II ¹	2
ACUP 304	Internship IV ¹	2
ACUP 311	Acupuncture Safety Course (Clean Needle Technique) ¹	1
ACUP 312	Herbology for Acupuncturists ¹	2
Credits		7
Total Credits		101

¹ The minimum passing grade for this course is a C.

² The minimum passing grade for this course is a C-.

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study.

Course Substitutions

Credit Earned in:	May Be Substituted for Credit in Program Course:
ENGL 101	ENGL 111
ENGL 102	ENGL 111
ENGL 103	ENGL 111
ENGL 105	ENGL 111

ENGL 108	ENGL 111
HLSC 105	MTST 125 & MTST 126
HLSC 120	HLSC 104
HLSC 124	ACUP 124
HLSC 126	MTST 125
HLSC 128	MTST 126
HLSC 220	ACUP 320
HLSC 222	HLST 150
MTST 108	ACUP 106
MTST 120 & MTST 122	HLSC 104
OAMS 113	ACUP 106
PEDS 100	HLSC 104
PEDS 101 & PEDS 200	MTST 125
PEDS 102	MTST 125
PEDS 103	MTST 126

Program Regulations

Police Information Check

A student must meet the specific Police Information Check requirements as set out in the admission criteria for the duration of the program or they may be required to withdraw from the program.

Immunization

Current immunization against specified communicable diseases is required as a prerequisite for clinical experience and thus for continued enrolment in the program. Students must meet the specific immunization requirements by the end of the second term. Documentation of these requirements must be provided to the program by the end of the second term. Failure to meet the specified immunization requirements may result in a student being denied an approved clinical experience and/or they may be required to withdraw from the program.

CPR - Basic Life Support for Health Care Provider (C) or Equivalent

Students must meet the specific CPR requirements by the start of the fourth term. The certification must be for Health Care Providers and include one and two person rescuers (adult, infant, child), bag-valve masks, and automated external defibrillation (AED). Documentation of these requirements must be provided to the program by the start of the fourth term. Failure to meet the specified CPR requirements may result in a student being denied an approved clinical experience and/or they may be required to withdraw from the program.

First Aid - Basic Standard

Students must meet the specific First Aid requirements by the start of the fourth term. Documentation of these requirements must be provided to the program by the start of the fourth term. Failure to meet the specified First Aid requirements may result in a student being denied an approved clinical experience and/or they may be required to withdraw from the program.