

# ACUPUNCTURE

## Overview

Faculty of Health and Community Studies

Department of Allied Health and Human Performance

MacEwan.ca/Acupuncture (<http://%E2%80%8BMacEwan.ca/Acupuncture/>)

Acupuncture, a traditional healing modality widely used in China, 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 over the course of approximately 2500 years in 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 professional acupuncturist, subject to successful completion of the national and provincial registration examinations. Students receive the instruction needed to practice acupuncture competently based on the most recent national standards.

## Career Potential

- Work in a multi-disciplinary clinic with other allied health professionals such as physiotherapists, chiropractors, massage therapists, and medical doctors.
- Work as an associate with another registered acupuncturist.
- Establish private practice as an independent professional.
- Establish a clinic and employ other allied health professionals.

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All the courses of the program directly related to Acupuncture and/or Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) are taught by registered acupuncturists. Basic bio-medical sciences are taught by professionals and experts in the related fields.

## Program Requirements

The following program requirements are needed to complete the credential. Refer to the Student Plan as this plan identifies the usual course schedule.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
ACUP 101	Meridian Systems and Acupuncture Points I <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 103	Meridian Systems and Acupuncture Points II <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 104	Diagnostics in Traditional Chinese Medicine <sup>1</sup>	3

ACUP 106	Medical Terminology <sup>1</sup>	1
ACUP 108	Clinical Observation I <sup>1</sup>	1
ACUP 114	Introduction to Research Methodology <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 116	Traditional Chinese Medicine Diagnostics Lab <sup>1</sup>	1
ACUP 119	Foundations of Traditional Chinese Medicine II <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 124	Introduction to Medical Microbiology <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 127	Foundations of Chinese Medicine I <sup>1</sup>	3
HLSC 104	Applied Human Anatomy <sup>2</sup>	3
MTST 125	Physiology I <sup>2</sup>	3
MTST 126	Physiology II <sup>2</sup>	3
University-level English (includes WRIT 101)		3
<b>Year 2</b>		
ACUP 110	Meridian Systems and Acupuncture Points III <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 112	Traditional Chinese Medicine Internal Therapeutics I <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 113	Clinical Observation and Practice I <sup>1</sup>	1
ACUP 200	Acupuncture Safety and Traditional Chinese Medicine Modalities I <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 201	Extra Meridians & Microsystems <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 203	Therapeutic Principles of Acupuncture, Point Selection and Combination <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 204	Traditional Chinese Medicine Internal Therapeutics II <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 208	Clinical Observation and Practice II <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 209	Internal Medicine <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 210	Traditional Chinese Medicine Modalities II <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 215	Internship I <sup>1</sup>	1
ACUP 218	Professional Ethics and Acupuncture Regulations <sup>1</sup>	1
ACUP 222	Qi Gong and Tui na <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 312	Herbology for Acupuncturists <sup>1</sup>	2
HLST 150	Pathophysiology <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Year 3</b>		
ACUP 111	Diagnostics in Traditional Chinese Medicine II <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 206	Traditional Chinese Medicine Nutrition, Lifestyle and Zhong Yao <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 211	Traditional Chinese Medicine Internal Therapeutics III <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 213	Traditional Chinese Medicine External Therapeutics I <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 216	Traditional Chinese Medicine External Therapeutics II <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 220	Internship II <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 221	Traditional Chinese Medicine Internal Therapeutics IV <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 303	Internship III <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 304	Internship IV <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 305	Practice Management and Professional Entry Requirements <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 314	Clinical Case Studies in Chinese Medicine <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 320	Pharmacological Therapy <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>101</b>

1

The minimum grade required for this course is a C.

2

The minimum grade required 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.

## Program Regulations

### Police Information Check

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

Students whose PIC status changes following program admission must self-report this change in status; this may compromise the student's ability to complete the program requirements as they may be denied required clinical placement and, therefore, be unable to meet graduation requirements.

### 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.

## Student Plan

Students must follow the Student Plan (listed below) to complete this credential in the year(s) indicated by the plan. Students must consult with a program Academic Advisor regarding any deviation from the Student Plan, as this may extend the time it takes to complete the program. The student plan may be subject to change.

Year 1					
Term 1	Credits	Term 2	Credits	Term 3	Credits
ACUP 106 <sup>1</sup>		1 ACUP 101 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 103 <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 127 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 104 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 108 <sup>1</sup>	1
HLSC 104 <sup>2</sup>		3 ACUP 114 <sup>1</sup>		2 ACUP 116 <sup>1</sup>	1
MTST 125 <sup>2</sup>		3 ACUP 119 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 124 <sup>1</sup>	3
University-level English (includes WRIT 101)		3 MTST 126 <sup>2</sup>		3	
		13		14	8
Year 2					
Term 1	Credits	Term 2	Credits	Term 3	Credits
ACUP 110 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 201 <sup>1</sup>		2 ACUP 209 <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 112 <sup>1</sup>		2 ACUP 204 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 215 <sup>1</sup>	1
ACUP 113 <sup>1</sup>		1 ACUP 208 <sup>1</sup>		2 ACUP 218 <sup>1</sup>	1
ACUP 200 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 210 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 312 <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 203 <sup>1</sup>		2 ACUP 222 <sup>1</sup>		3	
HLST 150 <sup>2</sup>		3			
		14		13	7
Year 3					
Term 1	Credits	Term 2	Credits	Term 3	Credits
ACUP 206 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 111 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 216 <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 211 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 213 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 304 <sup>1</sup>	2
ACUP 220 <sup>1</sup>		2 ACUP 303 <sup>1</sup>		2 ACUP 305 <sup>1</sup>	3
ACUP 221 <sup>1</sup>		3 ACUP 320 <sup>1</sup>		3	
ACUP 314 <sup>1</sup>		3			
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## Admission Requirements

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

*To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar*

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 post-secondary 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.

## 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.