The goal of the Doctor of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (DACM) program is to train you to become a licensed acupuncturist. In conjunction with the DACM degree, students will also receive the Master of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine degree (MAOM) upon completion of its requirements. The states that regulate and license professional acupuncturists recognize this degree as meeting requisite academic credential requirements for sitting for the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) licensure exam. The degree program is a 4-year degree program emphasizing traditional Chinese medicine, integrative approaches, and evidence based research.

### Accreditation

The DACM program is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and the MAOM program is accredited by Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

### Curriculum

- Fundamentals of TCM
- Acupuncture
- Tai-Chi
- Qi-Gong
- Acupressure
- Tui-Na
- Herbal Medicine
- Food Therapy
- Western Clinical Medicine
- Evidence-Based Medicine
- Professional Development
- Clinical Internship

### Your Future Career

Unlike the current Doctor of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine (DAOM), which is a 2 year gynecology specialization after the Master of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine (MAOM), the DACM was designed by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM.org) as an entrance into the field. The main difference between the DACM and MAOM is the emphasis on integrative medicine and evidenced based research. Similar to other medical professions, how well you do in your career will depend on your medical knowledge, treatment techniques, and communication skills, and mastering these skill will greatly impact your income. Consequently, choosing the right school is crucial in dictating your future success. Our college’s philosophy is to provide you with the most rigorous and thorough curriculum and diverse clinical training as possible so that you have the greatest chance of success.

### Program Information

The curriculum includes categories of the traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), herbs, and biomedicine.
- Fully onsite program
- 171 credit hours in total
- Full or part-time enrollment
- Day and evening classes
- Classroom and hands on training
- Study abroad opportunities at our six sister schools in Asia
- Clinical observation and rotation at the Methodist Hospitals when available, where ACAOM has collaborated with since 2005

### Admissions Eligibility

- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent (120 semester credit hours with 30 being upper-level and 30 of general education)
- Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Candidates holding a master’s degree may be admitted on the basis of that degree with a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- ACAOM alumni will have their studies evaluated for potential deficiencies prior to enrollment. Additional courses may be required.

### Tuition and Financial Aid

Tuition: $432 per credit hour. A tuition payment plan can be arranged. Federal financial aid available. All tuition and fees are subject to change.

### Scholarships

There are scholarships available for qualified new students and continuing students. Scholarships will be considered on two factors: first come first serve in completed applications and merit.

### Application Requirements

For U.S. citizens and residents:
- Completed application form
- Recent passport size headshot photograph
- Official transcript(s) from all previously attended college(s)
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Valid personal identification
- $100 non-refundable application fee
- Interviews conducted by Admissions Committee (if necessary).
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