Acupuncture & Doctor of TCM Programs

2022-2023 Program Guide

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What is the WE Integrated Philosophy?

Our belief is that the blend of Western medical knowledge with Eastern healing wisdom offers the best health practice.
We are very proud to announce that CITCM has officially become the first Branch College of Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CDUTCM) in North America! We are incredibly honored to be affiliated with one of the oldest and most prestigious TCM universities in China. This partnership will provide countless opportunities for CITCM students!

Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Chengdu, Sichuan, China
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Welcome from the Executive Director

I welcome you to join us at CITCM, Canadian Branch of College of Chengdu University of TCM (CBC-CDUTCM) where we take a cutting edge and dynamic approach to alternative and complementary healthcare career training and education.

As you progress through the Acupuncture, DTCM and the WE Integrated Massage program, taught by the highly accomplished professionals in the field, you will be prepared to start a career in one of the fastest growing fields in the alternative and complementary healthcare.

As society begins to understand the true benefits of natural healing and holistic lifestyles, they are turning to time proven treatments of Acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine which have been practiced for thousands of years. You can be at the forefront of this evolution with the knowledge and skills that you obtain via your study at CITCM.

CITCM is constantly reviewing and updating its curriculum. We have developed additional programs and certifications including WE integrated orthopedic massage and orthopedic sports acupuncture courses to name a few. CITCM also provides the opportunity to obtain a Bachelor’s degree from the Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. As well, CITCM offers yearly business courses to assist students to succeed in their career after they graduate.

Come and enjoy the experience of learning acupuncture, herbology, TCM and massage in a dynamic educational environment, and appreciate the natural beauty of the incredible Canadian Rockies. Come and enjoy our western hospitality as you begin your exciting new career path and life journey.

Welcome to join CITCM, CBC-CDUTCM.

*Feel Essential. Follow your Path. Enrich your Life.*

Dr. Xia Cheng, R.Ac, DTCM, Ph.D
Executive Director of CITCM
About CITCM, CBC-CDUTCM

In 2004, when Dr. Xia Cheng established CITCM in Calgary, Alberta, she realized that quality education builds future success, as well happiness is often achieved by reaching out and helping those in need. She wanted to share her knowledge and passion for natural medicine including acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, massage, and nutrition with students interested in Eastern wisdom and philosophy. She also wanted to share her approach to heal the body via physical, psychological, and emotional aspects to create healthier and happier individuals and communities.

As one of Canada’s premier Acupuncture and TCM Colleges, CITCM’s curriculum challenges the brightest minds. Under the guidance of the WE integrated philosophy, CITCM’s unique educational model emphasizes study of both Eastern and Western medical knowledge, combining theory with hands-on practice, as well as a compassionate community focus for an enriched learning experience.

CITCM offers the following programs:

- **Acupuncture Diploma**
- **Double Major Diploma (Acupuncture/Doctor of TCM (DTCM))**
- **Double Major Plus Diploma (Acupuncture/DTCM and 2200-Hour WE Integrated Orthopedic Massage)**
- **Bachelor of Acupuncture & Moxibustion Degree**
- **1113 hours and 2200 hours Western/Eastern Integrated Orthopedic Massage**

We encourage, empower, and support our students’ different learning characteristics, so that each student has the best resources available in order to succeed. Our friendly, and knowledgeable core faculty hold MDs, Masters and Doctorates in Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine or currently practice as accomplished professionals in the natural healthcare field. The CITCM philosophy is that interactive learning achieves the best outcome, holistic natural medicine is the future of health and wellness.

At the CBC-CDUTCM, CITCM students have the opportunity to pursue a bachelor’s degree program. The program includes a four-year study at CITCM plus five-month practicum in the CDUTCM university hospital. Student loan may be available for this program.
Facilities

Campus

CITCM is located at Two Executive Place, 300 1824 Crowchild Trail NW in the beautiful city of Calgary. The 10,000 square feet of space is home to a state-of-the-art campus which includes professional treatment rooms, classrooms, a massage room, a lounge with a balcony allowing a view of the Rocky Mountains, an herbal pharmacy, and a comfortable waiting room for patients and guests.

CITCM is a five-minute walk from McMahon Stadium and the University of Calgary is nearby. It is close to several major bus routes and the Banff Trail C-train station, a major shopping mall; parking is available off and on site.

Onsite and Offsite Clinic

Intern students can gain practical experience under the guidance of supervisors in a professional clinic onsite and offsite campus. Onsite clinic shifts are available Monday-Saturday between 4-8 hours a week. Interns also have opportunities to work and experience with various patients at our offsite community clinics as part of the learning and be able to contribute the time, skills, and knowledge to the Calgary’s most vulnerable.

The Alex Community Centre
2840 2 Ave SE, Calgary, AB, T2A 7X9
http://www.thealex.ca/

Calgary Drop-In Centre
1 Dermot Baldwin Way SE, Calgary, AB T2G OP8
https://www.calgarydropin.ca/

Orthopaedic Massage Consultants
Suite #228, 4411 16 Ave NW, Calgary, AB T2T3W2
http://orthopaedicmassageconsultants.com/

WE Care Clinic
Unit 101, 136 17 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB T2E 1L6
About Dr. Cheng

Dr. Cheng earned her Bachelor’s Degree in TCM and Western Medicine in 1983 from the Hunan University of TCM. She did further study at Tianjin University of TCM, culminating in 1987 with a Master’s Degree in Medicine and Acupuncture. In 1990, she received her PhD in Medicine from the Chengdu University of TCM, with a specialty in Acupuncture and Chronomedicine.

Dr. Cheng worked as a professor at Beijing Union University TCM College, and Beijing Acupuncture College where she instructed foreign students. She has translated several publications and is a published author of several TCM works. Prior to immigrating to Canada, Dr. Cheng worked as visiting professor in Canada, Denmark and practiced in Luxembourg. Dr. Cheng has over 40 years of clinical experience as a physician, traditional Chinese medicine herbalist and acupuncturist with specialties in women’s health, digestive and neurological disorders.

Dr. Cheng is currently the Director of the BodyMind Synergy Health Centre and she is an active participant in the process of regulating TCM in Alberta. She also teaches courses on TCM to medical professionals and offers public education workshops on TCM. In September 2004, her long-time dream of opening a school of TCM was realized with the opening of CITCM, which she is proud to be the Executive Director.

Mission Statement

At CITCM, we train and educate highly skilled Doctors of Acupuncture, Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners, and Massage Therapists utilizing a superior learning environment with experienced, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable professionals.

We promote the integration of Traditional Chinese Medicine with Western Medicine. We strive to treat patient illness and maintain health through natural medicine and to educate society to understand and view the body, mind, and spirit as a whole.
WE (Western & Eastern) Integrated Philosophy

*CITCM’s unique program integrates Western and Eastern knowledge of healthcare for an enriched learning experience.*

The WE Integrated Philosophy incorporates Western and Eastern medical knowledge into holistic healing. Following CITCM’s exclusive WE philosophy, students receive extensive knowledge of Western medicine so they can utilize and integrate Western medical knowledge into their practice, as well as effectively communicate with other health practitioners and establish an acupuncture, TCM, and massage practice in the location of their choice.

Our students study the theory and modalities of Eastern medicine such as acupuncture, herbal prescriptions, moxibustion, cupping, Tui Na, Tai Ji and Qi Gong exercises. They also study Western medicine such as anatomy, physiology, nutrition, massage with a clinical hands-on focus at CITCM. Marketing and business are included in the curriculum. Each student has the knowledge and insight to work in partnership with other health practitioners, to develop accurate assessments and determine appropriate treatment plans and recommendations. The WE Philosophy prepares our graduates for a thriving career in alternative and complementary healthcare.

The WE Philosophy promotes:

- That to be aware of our own health and lead a lifestyle that fosters and supports our own wellbeing, paired with a willingness to help others is as important and integral to our success in this health care field, as our knowledge and skills;
- Understanding the philosophy of Chinese Medicine is fundamental in that its framework is our guiding principle towards understanding the individual, both physiologically and psychologically;
- This deeper understanding of WE Philosophy allows the practitioner to determine the best strategies to assist and promote the body’s natural healing process;
- The origin of Traditional Chinese Medicine is based on both ancient philosophy and science. The present developments of Traditional Chinese Medicine have allowed for interaction and integration with modern science and technology that will lead Chinese Medicine into a new and expanded phase of achievement; and
- The health of body, mind and spirit are interrelated; restoring and maintaining health and wellness means achieving harmony in all three.
International Collaborations

Canadian Branch College of Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CBC-CDUTCM)

CITCM has been collaborating with Chengdu University of TCM (CDUTCM) since 2006 for the bachelor’s degree of Acupuncture/Moxibustion/Tuina program. In 2021, CITCM was appointed as Canadian Branch College of CDUTCM, the first overseas branch college in North America. The partnership allows both institutes to expand more collaborations in degree programs, eLearning and many more!

Under the current partnership, students interested in pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Acupuncture/Moxibustion/Tuina may do so by completing a four-year of study at CITCM Double Major program, and a five-month internship at the university hospital in Chengdu University of TCM in the Sichuan province of China.

About Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CDUTCM)

Founded in 1956 and located in the historical city of Chengdu, CDUTCM is one of the first four universities established to offer post-secondary education of traditional Chinese medicine in China and worldwide. Over the past 65 years, it has always been the leading university in China for Acupuncture/TCM education, research and providing patient care through the university hospitals for the area of Chengdu city, Sichuan province, and national wide. The university has nearly 1900 staff members with approximately 500 professors and associate professors in the different departments:

- College of Basic Medical Science,
- College of Clinical Medicine,
- College of TCM Pharmacy,
- College of Acupuncture & Moxibustion & Tuina,
- College of Nursing, and many more.

In TCM/acupuncture research, CDUTCM lays great emphasis on the building of the facilities of laboratories. It owns a key laboratory of the ministry of education, 7 top laboratories of State Administration of TCM, 5 provincial key laboratories, in addition to 13 provincial key courses. An onsite attached hospital of CDUTCM has the highest standard with a national model of TCM that allows students to gain practical experience from experts in the fields, alongside with 7 other affiliated hospitals of CDUTCM.

As one of the first universities granted to enroll overseas students, CDUTCM has been offering education to foreign students for almost 50 years. The information-exchange relationship has been established between CDUTCM and 176 institutions throughout the world, including WTO, American National Library and British Royal Association.
Live and Study in Chengdu City

Chengdu is famous for its great food and home to the giant pandas. It is also a city known for leisure and entertainment. Chengdu residents seem to live a slow pace of life because of its unique laid-back culture that makes it easily a dream place to live. With Chinese’s tea culture originating in Chengdu, the city has the most tea houses in the world.

If you are into art, Chengdu is an excellent place to witness a performance of a traditional Sichuan Opera. The magical face changing in Sichuan opera is a celebrated tradition and part of one of oldest regional opera cultures. This unique performance is practiced almost exclusively in Sichuan and the best masters of the art can be seen in Chengdu.

There are lots of tourist attraction places nearby within the city or outside that can be reached by car or a train, such as: the Leshan Giant Buddha, Wuhou Shrine, Mount Emey, Chengdu Cultural Park and The Sichuan Opera, Jianmen Pass Scenic Route, Mengdingshan Tea Plantation, many monetaries/temples, and much more.
Programs

Acupuncture Diploma Program

Natural, Holistic, Student-Loan Eligible.

Acupuncture is a specialized field within the scope of Traditional Chinese Medicine. CITCM’s Acupuncture Diploma program offers an in-depth study of Acupuncture as well as Chinese medicine theory, diagnostic techniques, and Chinese herbal medicine. The curriculum leads students to study both Chinese medicine as well as fundamental medical science courses such as anatomy, physiology, pathology, biochemistry, and microbiology. The first year’s focus is on foundation study; second year’s study acts as a bridge that connects theory courses into clinic settings; third year students enter into an internship which carries to the fourth year.

CITCM’s Acupuncture Diploma program has a tremendous focus on clinical internship, which trains the students to accurately assess the patient and identify the best course of treatment. They will learn to treat ailments including internal, pediatric (children’s illness), gynecology (women’s illnesses), dermatology (skin disorders) conditions, etc. Students are encouraged to participate in a three-month internship at a university hospital in China (optional) where students will study under the most experienced professors and doctors to gain extensive clinical training. This allows students to gain abundant clinical experience.

When students graduate from this program, they will be confident and competent to establish themselves as an acupuncturist in the alternative health care field. CITCM Acupuncture diploma program graduates are eligible to write the Pan Canadian TCM Acupuncturist examinations facilitated by the College of Acupuncturists of Alberta (CAA) to become a Registered Acupuncturist with the title Doctor of Acupuncture.

CITCM Acupuncture diploma students are encouraged to study concurrently a Double Major career path in Acupuncture and Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine diplomas. This advanced program allows the student to study the acupuncture specialization concurrently with the extensive herbology practice for the same tuition cost and during the same academic hours of 8 am to 12 noon, Monday to Friday. All four years of study are eligible for student loans.

Double Major Program (Acupuncture/DTCM)

Rewarding—Condensed four-years of study

CITCM’s unique 4-year Double Major program is a condensed program that is equivalent to the five-year Doctor of TCM program in BC. This program incorporates all the specialized acupuncture training with a comprehensive study in traditional Chinese herbology.

The study includes ancient classics and modern Chinese medicine modalities which consist of extensive study in both acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine.

The Double Major program is for students who wish to learn concurrently advanced Chinese medicine theories, different natural healing modalities such as Qi Gong, Tai Ji, food and nutrition therapy,

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cupping, massage, with a focus on acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine. Throughout the program students will become proficient in acupuncture and advanced traditional Chinese medicine using individualized herbal prescriptions and herbal nutrition therapy. This allows graduates a distinct advantage in their future practice. As a practicing Doctor of Acupuncture you will be able to help many patients experience the natural healing benefits of acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine.

The advantage of the Double Major program in Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine is that it offers more education to students for the same tuition as the Acupuncture Diploma program. Additionally, the academic schedule also remains from 8 am to noon, Monday to Friday (with a few exceptions). Upon completion, the graduate will be awarded the Acupuncture Diploma as well as the Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine Diploma. Graduates are eligible to write the Pan Canadian TCM Acupuncturist and TCM practitioner examinations facilitated by the College of Acupuncturists of Alberta (CAA). All four years of the program are eligible for student loans.

**Bachelor’s Degree Program from CDUTCM**

*Bachelor of Acupuncture & Moxibustion*

*TCM University Education*

As a branch college of CDUTCM, CITCM students will be granted with the bachelor’s degree by CDUTCM after completing CITCM’s Double Major Acupuncture/Doctor of TCM diploma program and completing a five-month internship at the CDUTCM affiliated hospitals. The Bachelor program offers the value of international study experience; study under the professors and famous TCM clinical experts; working in the hospitals that practice integrate medicine, and to refine and improve the skills built at CITCM. CITCM works with our students to prepare cross-cultural adaptation and language barriers that may present. Chengdu University of TCM supports our students by providing interpreters during instruction and internship.
Double Major Plus Program (Acupuncture/DTCM plus 2200-Hour WE Integrated Orthopedic Massage)

The fusion of the three programs uses overlapping classes to accelerate the process of study for acupuncture, TCM and massage, saving one year of study.

This program provides graduates with several tools to start a successful practice as an Acupuncturist, Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Massage Therapist. Additionally, the WE Integrated Massage diploma may be awarded upon completion of all its requirements prior to completion of the Acupuncture/DTCM program.

This will help students to start their career as a complementary health care provider while still in the process of completing the Acupuncture/DTCM program.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

CITCM brings world famous experts and their knowledge to you with weekend seminars and workshops. Please check our website to see what upcoming Continuing Education seminars are available.
Admission and Application

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission into CITCM, all applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Students must be 18 years of age by the end of the first year of study;
- Proof of secondary school diploma, equivalent, or post-secondary education must be provided;
- A successful interview with the Director or the Registrar to discuss why you would like to attend the school. The purpose of this interview is to educate the student as to what can be expected while attending CITCM as well as to determine the interest of the student in studying Acupuncture, Traditional Chinese Medicine and/or massage therapy; and
- The student must be proficient in both written and spoken English. If English is not the applicant’s native language, the applicant may be required to demonstrate both written and oral proficiency in English either by demonstrating ability to study in English to the Registrar or Executive Director of the Institute or submitting proof of passing score on an ESL exam such as the TOEFL exam or the IELTS exam.

Foreign Students must receive a student visa to study at the CITCM. As CITCM is a Designated Learning Institution by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), students accepted by CITCM are eligible to apply for a student visa issued by the Canadian federal government.

All students are evaluated individually and, as such, the above policies (except the student visa) may be waived or altered on a case-by-case basis.

Application Checklist

- Completed Application Form
- One recent headshot photos (2 x 2 inches)
- Official high school transcript, Official transcripts of all post-secondary educational institutions attended if applicable
- Two referral letters
- Updated personal resume
- A letter of intent

Note: the deadline to apply for the bachelor’s degree program is September 5th to CITCM. Student must also apply through Chengdu University of TCM online registration portal before September 15th.

Transfer Students & Transcript Assessment (Transfer Credit)

If you have previously completed education at an accredited post-secondary institution, you can apply to have your past course work assessed. This assessment service is offered to all CITCM students for a fee.

To be considered, the following criteria must be met:

- Previous grades must be 60% or better.
- All relevant courses must have been completed within the past 7 years (addressed on a case-by-case basis pending relevant professional or work-related experience that may exist)
- Course credit hours are at least equivalent to CITCM courses.
- Course curriculum must be 75% of the required hours matched to CITCM courses.
- Detailed course syllabus and learning outcomes from your previous institution.
- CITCM has a 50% residency rate. Applicants can request credit transfer for up to 50% of any CITCM program. The remaining 50% must be taken at CITCM to qualify for graduation.

When submitting foreign documentation for transfer credit evaluation, please provide transcripts and the detailed course outlines translated to English by an official translator.
Credit Transfer for Health Professionals

Health practitioners who have western medicine training background may shorten the duration of the Acupuncture/Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine program at CITCM through credit transfer. Successful credit transfer applicants will receive tuition deduction (see transfer credit requirement and policy).

For example, a medical physician can be awarded credits that are equivalent to one full year of training based on their past education and practice. A registered nurse, physiotherapists, chiropractors, naturopaths, osteopathic doctors, osteopathic manual practitioners, and other health practitioners may be able to be granted up to two or more semesters of credit transfer. This may allow a student to graduate earlier from the program.

CITCM reviews each applicant's credentials individually. Please contact CITCM Registrar for further details regarding this opportunity.

Application Submission

Completed application packages can be submitted to:
Canadian Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Two Executive Place, 300-1824 Crowchild Trail NW,
Calgary, Alberta, T2M 3Y7

• Applicants may be contacted to schedule an interview. The interview may be in person or by phone if she/he is from out of town or country. An acceptance letter will be sent to successful applicants for official enrollment.

• A $500.00 registration deposit is required to reserve admission and is payable within 14 days of receiving notification of acceptance. The $500.00 registration deposit paid with the signed student contract. The $500.00 registration deposit will be applied to total tuition owing.

• **Note:** The $500.00 registration deposit is forfeited if the applicant withdraws after reserving the admission, if longer than four business days have passed from the signing of the student contract, whether classes have commenced or not.

• *Private Vocational Training Regulations* related to tuition, registration fees and refunds are excerpted below. Please see the complete document at the following link. [http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2003_341.pdf](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2003_341.pdf)
International Students

CITCM welcomes international students to study and experience exceptional learning at our college under one or more of the following programs:

- The Acupuncture Diploma Program
- The Double Major Diploma Program (Acupuncture & DTCM)
- Double Major Plus (Acupuncture & DTCM plus 2200-Hour WE Integrated Orthopedic Massage Diploma)
- The Bachelor’s degree of Acupuncture & Moxibustion in cooperation with the Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in China
- WE Integrated Orthopedic Massage Therapy, both 1113-hour and a 2200-hour programs, utilizing the Integrated Western and Eastern (WE) philosophies and methodologies

All CITCM programs are Designated Learning Programs and are therefore eligible to enroll foreign nationals on a study permit. We encourage all international students to apply as CITCM believes that having students from all countries and cultures can only benefit and enrich both the student and the college.

CITCM is a Designated Learning Institution in Canada (DLI No: O19256722732)

CITCM is a Designated Learning Institution as of June 1st, 2014. International students have several advantages to attending CITCM to study massage, acupuncture, or traditional Chinese medicine. In addition to exceptional education a foreign student will normally:

- Be able to work up to 20 hours per week off campus while studying at CITCM with a valid study permit;
- Be able to have provincial health care coverage while studying at CITCM;
- Pay the same tuition as Canadian students;

International Student Application

1. Date of the Application Deadline

Our programs start every September. International students are advised to apply at least 6 months before to allow sufficient time for application acceptance and study permit process.

2. Meet the admission requirements and Language Proficiency Requirements

English is the language of instruction in all programs at CITCM. All international students must meet the admissions requirements outlined in the Admissions section of the CITCM Student Handbook and meet the required English Language Proficiency requirement. To enable academic success all international student applicants are required to demonstrate communicative proficiency in the English language prior to admission acceptance at CITCM. To satisfy this, a student may need to provide one of the following:

- A TOEFL IBT score of 72 or higher with a minimum of 18 in each skill/category on the internet-based test. English Language Arts 30-1 equivalency.
- An IELTS score of 6.0 in each skill/category or higher. English Language Arts 30-1 equivalency.
- Successful completion of English, with a minimum course mark of 60%, including a minimum of three years of education at an English-speaking Canadian school or at a recognized International English-speaking school.
- Completion with a minimum course mark of 60% from post-secondary English or Communications course, including a minimum of three years of education at an English-speaking Canadian School or at a recognized International English-speaking school.
- A minimum score of 7 in Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessment (CLBA). The CLBA measures English proficiency in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.
3. Prepare your finances.
The financial requirements of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) must be met in all cases for International Students.

4. Prepare your application documents.
Documents to be included in the application package:

- A Completed Application Form
- Copies of official transcript and diploma certificate of high school and post-secondary (if any)
- Letter of Intent (describing why you would like to study Acupuncture/TCM/Massage at CITCM)
- Two Letters of Reference (can be from past employers, instructors, etc)
- 2 recent passport photographs (3 cm x 4 cm)
- Documents that are not in English must be accompanied by an official English translation.

Please do not send your original documents to CITCM (transcripts and diploma certificates). Once you are admitted, you will be asked to submit the official transcripts.

5. Application for a student visa.
If you are not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, you will require a study permit. Please check IRCC website about the requirements, eligibility, and processing time. Please include CITCM DLI number in your study permit application as required by IRCC.
Tuition

- $10,600 per academic year for the full-time Acupuncture/Double Major Acupuncture & DTCM diploma programs (four years).
- $10,600 for four years with an additional $5,000 tuition fee in the year of the internship plus annual admin fee for bachelor’s degree program (Degree granted from Chengdu University of TCM). Travelling, accommodation, and living expenses are not included.
- Additional tuition of $12,100 for Double Major Plus Program.
- Part-time student fee is $210.00 per credit.
- Transfer credit assessment fee of $50-$100/course. If approved, tuition will be deducted for the course. See transfer credit policy for more details. Credit transfer application deadline: July 31, 2022

The tuition includes the following services:

- Quality instructional and clinical curriculum delivery
- 24/7 online study supporting system
- Preparation and mock exam for Pan-Canadian TCM Acupuncture Registration exam

*There is no CITCM tuition increase once the student enters the program.*

*We are confident that CITCM brings the most value for your tuition.*
## Curriculum Synopsis

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Faculty

Our senior instructors in Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture hold Master’s or Ph.D. degrees. Other instructors are usually doctors or other highly achieved professionals who bring exceptional experience to the curriculum rounding out our desire to implement, incorporate and integrate a traditional Chinese medicine philosophy with Western medical techniques and knowledge.

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Advisory Board

CITCM has an advisory board composed of faculty, staff and interested members of the public.

The Board members are committed to the College’s philosophies, goals and helps to oversee the College’s operations.

The advisory board members serve voluntarily and are an important part of the College’s mission.

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- Dr. Craig Young, B.Sc., DDS, C.M.Ac., Dentist
- Dr. Neetash Patel, B.Sc., D.C., Chiropractor
- Lars Gustafsson, B.Sc., Nutritionist, Entrepreneur
CITCM & WE Care Intern Clinic

is a partner with BodyMind Synergy Health Centre & Wholehealth Therapeutic Centre.

The CITCM Intern clinic offers the unique opportunity for advanced students to practice Acupuncture, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and WE Integrated Massage Therapy. The Interns are supervised by experienced Doctors of Acupuncture and TCM.

This is an excellent opportunity for family and friends to experience your learning progress and achievement. Services offered are including acupuncture treatment, herbal prescriptions, wellness consultation, cupping, moxibustion, relaxation or orthopedic/therapeutic massage, tuina, shiatsu, acupressure, thai massage.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Are the CITCM programs accredited?

CITCM is licensed under the Private Vocational Schools Act; CITCM is governed under the College of Acupuncturists of Alberta; CITCM’s acupuncture and Doctor of TCM curriculum is recognized by Chengdu University of TCM, with an additional five-month internship at CDUTCM, graduates will be granted a Bachelor’s Degree of Acupuncture & Moxibustion from the Chengdu University of TCM.

How long per day will I have to study?

This depends mainly on the student. On average most students spend approximately 4 hours in class and about 2-3 hours daily studying and completing assignments after normal class time. In addition to class time, there is a total of between 4 to 12 flexible scheduled clinical training hours per week. The final terms consists entirely of clinical practice, averaging 24 hours per week.

Can I work while going to school?

Yes. Currently, lectures for the Acupuncture and DTCM program are scheduled in the morning (there are a few exceptions to this). WE Integrated Orthopedic Massage programs are scheduled in the morning and some days in the afternoon or Saturdays. These schedules allow students to obtain part-time employment during the school year to help with their finances.

When I complete the program can I run my own clinic?

Yes. That is the route that many graduates have taken and CITCM will help train you for that through the business courses that are part of the curriculum. Many graduates also find positions in other acupuncture and TCM clinics as well as with chiropractors and other health professionals.

When I am a graduate, can I practice anywhere in Canada?

Yes, you can. You will have to pass the Pan Canadian TCM Acupuncturist registration exams to be licensed as an acupuncturist in Alberta. Under existing provincial mobility laws, you will also be able to practice acupuncture in all the other Canadian provinces as well.

Acupuncture Industry Information and Provincial Mobility Rights

In Canada health care, including allopathic, complementary, and alternative medicine, is regulated provincially where currently there are 5 provinces that regulate acupuncture and/or traditional Chinese medicine and herbs. These are Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, and Newfoundland.

Each province determines the professional requirements to allow Acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine (Acu/TCM) practitioners and doctors to legally practice. To aid the provinces in this procedure and to create a national standard for Acu/TCM Ontario, British Columbia, and Human Resource Development Canada produced the Pan-Canadian Acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine exams. Currently there are three exams that are now offered based on the professional title and designations which are: Registered Acupuncturist, Registered Herbalist, Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner.

Alberta, Ontario, British Columbia, and Newfoundland are all utilizing the Pan Canadian Examinations. Quebec has a different method of regulation. The following websites are for each of the regulated provinces.

- British Columbia – College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and

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Alberta only recognizes the title Registered Acupuncturist and Doctor of Acupuncture which currently requires successful completion of 5 examinations. These are the Written and Case Studies exams (both are part of the Pan-Canadian exams) and 3 additional exams that are specific to the province of Alberta (Modalities, Point Location, and a Safety/ jurisprudence exam). A Registered Acupuncturist in Alberta will be able to transfer to other regulated provinces based on provincial mobility rights or, as it often referred to as, provincial reciprocity. For example, an individual may transfer from Alberta to British Columbia and practice legally as an acupuncturist upon registration with the CTCMA if they were legally allowed to practice in Alberta. It is possible that a jurisprudence exam or a safety exam will be required but you would not be required to complete the Pan Canadian exams or their equivalents again.

It is necessary to also understand that with a registered title (i.e., Registered Acupuncturist) there may be different restrictions depending on the province. For example, a Registered Acupuncturist in Alberta can prescribe herbal formulas in contrast to British Columbia where a Registered Herbalist, TCM Practitioner, or TCM Doctor registration is required for the same activity. Please ensure that you are aware of any regulations of any province that you wish to practice in. Registration, exams, and titles are all subject to change according to the provincial regulatory bodies, so students are encouraged to continue to monitor developments in their provincial regulation while in their program of study.

As a graduate from the CITCM, am I able to practice in the United States?

CITCM graduates will be able to practice in United States if they pass the required licensing exam in the United States. There will be an approval process to accept CITCM graduates to take the licensing exam but currently, the curriculum meets the requirement for the licensing exam in some places in the United States. Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis. Students must pursue their own inquiry into international licensing.

International Mobility

Many graduates may wish to utilize their skills working in another country as an acupuncturist or traditional Chinese medicine doctor. Every country (or possibly every jurisdiction, state, or province within a country) may have different regulations for professional practice. It is up to the practitioner to research regarding international employment and regulations. The education at CITCM has in the past been transferred out of the country; however, every situation is looked at on an individual case by case evaluation. Policies that are valid in a country in one year may be changed and no longer valid the next year.

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