

Acupuncture Certification for Medical Professionals (ACMP)

(A Medical Acupuncture Certificate Program at CITCM / CBC-CDUTCM)

1. Overview

The ACMP is a specialized training program designed to provide medical professionals and practitioners such as physicians, naturopathic doctors, chiropractors, dentists, physiotherapists, or any other regulated health practitioners with the knowledge and skills to integrate conventional and complementary treatment modalities, especially acupuncture, into their clinical practice.

Acupuncture is one of natural and holistic approaches in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) that involves inserting thin needles into specific points (acupoints) on the body to stimulate the flow of energy and promote natural healing. It has been used effectively as a therapy for various disorders in China for thousands of years. In recent years, acupuncture has also gained popularity as a complementary treatment option for a variety of health conditions around the world. [The World Health Organization](#) has identified that acupuncture is effective for a wide range of clinical conditions.

The ACMP is organized and delivered by the Canadian Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine ([CITCM](#)) / Canadian Branch College of Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine ([CBC-CDUTCM](#)).

The CITCM, is an approved vocational training in Calgary, Alberta since 2004 through the Ministry of Education Private Career College and our acupuncture program is also approved by the College of Acupuncturists of Alberta (CAA).

By delivering comprehensive curriculum and over 1380 hours of clinic training, CITCM aims to train highly skilled Doctors of acupuncture, TCM practitioners, and massage therapists to treat patients' illness and maintain their health through natural medicine, and to educate society to understand and view the body, mind, and spirit as holism. By promoting the integration of TCM with Western Medicine, CITCM provides innumerable opportunities for students to practice on a variety of clinical conditions, and to build their clinic confidence and experience furthermore through learning abroad in a hospital setting under successful professors and senior doctors.

As the Canadian Branch College of Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CBC-CDUTCM), CITCM collaborates with Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CDUTCM) in offering bachelor's degree of Acupuncture & Moxibustion.

CDUTCM, founded in 1956, is one of the four earliest established institutions of higher learning of TCM approved by the State Council of China. CDUTCM is among the first group of universities eligible to award master and PhD degrees for Chinese medicine in China. The branch of Acupuncture and Tuina began in 1956, and has become one of the four national key disciplines in CDUTCM.

In the past 10 years, CDUTCM has conducted a total of 135 national, provincial, and ministerial research projects, with fundings over 270 million RMB.

CDUTCM has 6 directly affiliated hospitals, 17 non-directly affiliated hospitals, 28 teaching hospitals and 36 internship bases. Among of them, Affiliated Hospital of CDUTCM (Sichuan Provincial Chinese Medicine Hospital) is the State Clinical Chinese Medicine Research Base (Diabetes), conferred by National Development and Reform Commission and the State Administration of TCM of China.

This program provides a valuable opportunity for naturopathic doctors, chiropractors doctors, dentist, physiotherapist, or any other regulated medical professionals and practitioners to incorporate acupuncture techniques into their existing practice, and offer patients a wider range of natural healing options with more holistic care.

2. Goals and objectives

to facilitate the growing demand of using natural and holistic therapies to promote the body's innate healing and wellness.

to provide the natural healing knowledge and practical skills of TCM/acupuncture (prevention, treatment, patient education, etc.) needed to incorporate into the existing practice.

to offer participants the opportunity to learn a wider range of natural healing modalities that they can offer to their patients.

3. Participants

Medical professionals and practitioners such as physicians, naturopathic doctors, chiropractors, dentists, physiotherapists, or any other regulated health practitioners who are interested in the integration of conventional and complementary practice, especially Acupuncture in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) into their existing practice.

4. Program Time

- The program will begin in April 2024 – December 2024.
- The registration time will start in January 2024

5. Curriculum synopsis

This acupuncture program typically consists of a combination of virtual courses and onsite clinical training. The virtual courses include TCM foundation and diagnosis, meridians and acupoints, acupuncture techniques, therapeutics, and TCM/acupuncture classics, etc. The onsite clinical training involves clinical practice for acupuncture techniques and therapies corresponding to their indications.

Courses and practical training will be provided as follows:

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- TCM Foundation
- TCM Diagnosis
- Meridians and Acupoints
- Acupuncture Techniques
- Acupuncture Therapeutics
- Acupuncture Research
- Acupuncture Safety
- On-site Clinical Practice (CDUTCM affiliated hospitals)
 - Acupoints locating
 - Pulse taking
 - Acupuncture Techniques (acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping, etc.)
 - Acupuncture Therapies for disorders commonly seen in the clinic
 - Evaluation (exam)

6. Certificate

Participants who complete the “Acupuncture Certification for Medical Professionals” will receive a “Medical Acupuncture Certificate”. The certificate will be issued by CITCM / CBC- CDUTCM.

7. Program fees

\$ 9980 CND.

Travelling, accommodation for study in Canada or overseas are not included.

8. Instructor/faculty Information

8.1 Management team

- Fang Zeng, PhD, MD (China), Vice President of CDUTCM
- Ling Zhao, PhD, MD (China), Dean of Acupuncture and Tuina College in CDUTCM
- Dingjun Cai, PhD, MD (China), Vice Dean of Acupuncture and Tuina College in CDUTCM
- Yuan Chen, PhD, MD (China), Dean of International Education College in CDUTCM
- Xia Cheng, PhD, MD (China), Executive Director and Dean of Academics of CITCM / CBC-CDUTCM
- Mewah Susana, Program and Office Manager of CITCM / CBC-CDUTCM

8.2 Core Professors and Instructors

Fanrong Liang, MD (China), Professor of CDUTCM. Prof. Liang has over 40 years' clinical and teaching experience. By working as a doctor in the Chinese Medicine Clinic of CDUTCM, he treats almost more than 50 patients per day, including various pain syndromes, gynecological diseases, mental and neurological disorders, etc.

With rich research experiences on acupuncture, he has led 2 national 973 projects and 59 other national projects. Prof. Liang has received a second-class National Science and Technology Progress Award and other 20 national, ministry/province-level awards, and has also edited 8 national-level planned textbooks and 11 academic monographs, published 451 academic papers.

Hong Zhang, MD (China), Professor of CDUTCM. Prof. Zhang has over 40 years' clinical and teaching experience. She works in the 3rd affiliated hospital of CDUTCM and combines various acupuncture manipulations ("Panlong Jiaji", "flying needles", etc.) with moxibustions to treat patients with different pain-related disorders, diabetes, post-stroke syndromes, dementia, etc. in the clinic.

Guanyuan Jin, MD (China), Professor and Acupuncture researcher, licensed Acupuncturist & Herbologist in USA. Prof. Jin is recognized as one of world's leading experts in acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and Qigong/Tai-Chi and other Self-Healing Therapies. He specializes in treating tough cases of infertility, hearing/vision disorders, pain management and sports injuries rehabilitation and has been practicing acupuncture and oriental Medicine for over 42 years (24 in China, 18 in USA) while treating over 100,000 patients (Including many world-class sports athletes) with excellent results.

Changqing Yang, PhD, MD (China), Professor. Dr. Yang is a faculty member working at Alhambra Medical University, Los Angeles, USA, and practicing at his clinic at Santa Monica and lecturing for the CEU classes for the local and national associations. He is specialized in mental disorders, pain management, internal medicine conditions, addictions, female health, cosmetic acupuncture and sexual dysfunction, weight loss, etc. Dr. Yang is the Director of Mental Health Forum of ATCMA, President of American Institute of Mental Health in TCM, Deputy Director of Mental Health Committee of World Federation of TCM. Dr. Yang was a commissioner at Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture of Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), USA.

Guanhu Yang, PhD, MD (China), licensed acupuncturist in USA, Board of Directors United Alliance of New York State Licensed Acupuncturists. Dr. Yang has over 20 years of clinical experience in China, Japan and America. He treats many chronic disorders including pain (migraine headaches, neck and back pain, whiplash injuries, arthritis, abdominal pain, frozen shoulder, and painful menses), digestive function disorder, IBS, Allergy, Sinusitis, Asthma, stress release (depression, anxiety, insomnia, anorexia, and chronic fatigue syndrome), neurological disorders, menopause smoking cessation, weight control, etc.

Xia Cheng, PhD, MD (China), Professor, Executive Director and Dean of Academics of CITCM. Dr. Cheng has over 20 years of clinical experience as a physician, herbalist, and acupuncturist. She specializes in using kinds of acupuncture therapies (auricular acupuncture, scalp acupuncture, etc.) for many pain syndromes (headache, abdominal pain, shoulder/back/elbows/knees pain), digestive disorders (diarrhea, constipation, IBD/IBS, etc.), and also treat neurological disorders (post-stroke syndrome, etc.) well. Dr. Cheng is currently the Director of the Body Mind Synergy Health Centre, a member of several professional association boards and Vice-President for the Alberta Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine Doctors.

Ruirui Sun, PhD, MD (China), Associate professor of CDUTCM. Dr. Sun has rich clinical and teaching experiences, and performs acupoint embedding thread for patients with obesity, fire-dragon moxibustion for patients with Yang deficiency, other acupuncture therapies for patients with pain syndromes (migraine, headache, lower back pain, knee osteoarthritis, etc.), women problems (dysmenorrhea, irregular menstruation, etc.), gastrointestinal disorders (dyspepsia, diarrhea, etc.), facial paralysis, post-stroke syndromes, etc.

Henry Tarazona Medina, PhD, MD (China, Spain), Instructor of CITCM. With rich experiences in both clinical and teaching, Dr. Medina specializes in different needle manipulations, such as blood-letting therapy, fire-needle, etc. He also does well in using thirteen Ghost Caves ("Shisan Gui Xue"), "Dong's Extraordinary Points", "Xingnao Kaiqiao needling" and other acupuncture techniques learned from famous doctors. He treats well for patients with musculoskeletal disorders (Herniated disc, carpal tunnel syndrome, osteoarthritis, etc.), kinds of pain-related disorders, etc.

Guest speakers:

Min Jin, PhD, MD (China), licensed acupuncturist in USA. Dr. Jin specializes in TCM cardiac and gynecological health care. She is renowned in the treatment of hormonal imbalance, immunity disorders, male diseases, and degenerative health conditions. She is skilled in providing comprehensive cancer care, children's physical and mental development as well as anti-aging therapies.

Shiwu Xiao, MD (China), licensed acupuncturist in Canada, Dean of Chinese medicine department in CITCM. He has more than 30 years' clinical experience, and has created the unique painless Xiao acupuncture, combines with fine quality Chinese Herbal medicine in convenient forms like capsule, tincture, syrup, cook-free concentrated powder and topic using. He specializes in treatment on asthma and allergy, pediatric diseases, insomnia, fatigue and stress, cancer, etc.

Amir Hooman Kazemi, MD, clinical PhD and Post Doc. of acupuncture and Chinese medicine. He is a professor at the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, and is also vice president of the World Federation of Acupuncture and a faculty member at the Tehran University of Medical Sciences. He has rich experiences in teaching acupuncture in different countries such as China, Canada, Korea, Australia, France, Turkey, Spain, Oman, USA, Austria, Switzerland, etc. In addition, he works as a specialist doctor in Chinese medicine and acupuncture in Clinic of traditional medicine school and imam hospital affiliated to Tehran University of medical Sciences.

8.3 Registration and contact information

Registration Process:

- **Step 1:** Determine if you are eligible to register:
 1. Applicant must have a valid professional license (e.g., physicians, chiropractors, naturopathic doctors, dentist, physiotherapist, etc.)
 2. Applicant must be a regulated health profession governed by statute or local laws.
 3. Applicant must be a regulated health profession which has acupuncture under its scope of practice.
- **Step 2:** Fill out the registration form (attached at the end) and send it to the CITCM Registrar (Email: admission@citcm.com)

Application checklist:

- Application form
- Professional license
- University graduation certificate
- **Step 3:** Upon receiving your complete application package, CITCM admission Committee will review your application. Once approved, you will be required to send a \$500 tuition deposit to reserve the spot, and additional information about the course details will be sent to you.

If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please e-mail: admission@citcm.com.

Other contact information:

- **Online and E-Mail**, visit us at: citcm.com. Phone: 403.520.5258.
- **Admissions Director:** Mewah Susana, B.Mngt, Email: mewah.susana@citcm.com.
- **Mail or in-person, address:** Canadian Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Two Executive Place, 300-1824 Crowchild Trail NW, Calgary AB T2M 3Y7

9. Courses Detail

Medical Acupuncture Certificate Program (312 hours)			
Courses	Credit hours	Contents	Instructor
TCM Foundation	50 hours (virtual)	Yin-yang theory, five-elements theory, visceral manifestation, five-Zang and six-Fu organs (viscera), qi, blood and body fluid, meridian system, etiology, pathogenesis, etc.	Dr. Ruirui Sun
TCM Diagnosis	30 hours, including: 18-hour virtual course 12-hour onsite practice (week-end course)	Four diagnostic methods, eight principles, pulse theory, syndrome differentiation, etc.	Dr. Henry Tarazona Medina
Meridians and Acupoints	50 hours, including: 35-hour virtual course 15-hour onsite practice (week-end course)	Meridians and collaterals, acupoints with their locations, meridian belonging, functions, and therapeutic effects, etc.	Dr. Ruirui Sun
Acupuncture techniques	30 hours, including: 15-hour virtual course 15-hour onsite practice (week-end course)	Acupuncture (filiform/electrical acupuncture), moxibustion, cupping, etc.	Dr. Henry Tarazona Medina
Acupuncture therapeutics	30 hours (virtual)	1) Pain syndromes (Migraine, frozen shoulder, Neck, (lower) back pain, sciatica, etc.) 2) Musculoskeletal disorders (Herniated disc, Tennis elbow/lateral epicondylitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, Tendinitis, Fibromyalgia, Osteoarthritis, Osteoporosis)	Dr. Henry Tarazona Medina Dr. Ruirui Sun
Acupuncture research	12 hours (virtual)	Mechanism studies including analgesia, nerve-endocrine-immunological regulation, etc.	Prof. Guanyuan Jin/ Prof. Guanhu Yang/ Associate Prof. Ruirui Sun
Acupuncture Safety	10 hours (virtual)	Acupuncture safety and contraindications, etc.	Prof. Xia Cheng
Clinical practice	100 hours, including: 40-hour onsite (1 week) 60-hour at CDUTCM affiliated hospital (2 weeks)	Common disorders in the clinic: pain syndromes (migraine, headache, lower back pain, knee osteoarthritis, etc.), facial paralysis, post-stroke syndrome, etc.	Dr. Henry Tarazona Medina / Prof. Xia Cheng (40 hours), Prof. Fangrong Jiang, Prof. Hong Zhang, others (CDUTCM, 60 hours)



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