



Acupuncture & Doctor of TCM Programs

2025–2026 Program Information & Application Guide



What is the WE Integrated Philosophy?

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CITCM—the Canadian Branch College of CHENGDU UNIVERSITY OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE (CBC-CDUTCM)



We are very proud that since 2021, CITCM has officially become the first and the only Branch College of Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CDUTCM) in North America! We are incredibly honored to be affiliated with CDUTCM, 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

<http://www.cdutcm.edu.cn>

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Welcome from the Executive Director



I welcome you to join us at CITCM, also the Canadian Branch 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 Doctor of Acupuncture, Doctor of TCM, and the WE Integrated Orthopedic Massage program, taught by the highly accomplished professionals, you will be prepared to start a career in one of the fastest growing fields in the alternative and complementary healthcare industry.

As society begins to understand the true benefits of natural healing and holistic lifestyles, they are turning to time proven treatments of Acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and manual therapy 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 to keep us to be the leading educational institute. We have developed additional programs and certifications including WE integrated orthopedic massage, and orthopedic sports acupuncture certification, to name a few. CITCM also provides the opportunity to obtain a Bachelor's degree from the Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

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

Welcome to join CITCM, CBC-CDUTCM!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xia Cheng'.

Dr. Xia Cheng

Doctor of Acupuncture, DTCM

PhD in Medicine

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 TCM Doctor and Doctor of Acupuncture with specialties in women's health, digestive and neurological disorders.

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.

Dr. Cheng is also the Director of the BodyMind Synergy Health Centre and Vice President of Alberta Association of Acupuncturists of TCM Doctor (AAATCMD) who actively involves in the process of regulating TCM in Alberta. She is currently a guest professor in CDUTCM, she also teaches various TCM workshops.

About CITCM, CBC-CDUTCM

In 2004, when Dr. Xia Cheng established CITCM in Calgary, Alberta, she believed that quality education builds the success of the profession, 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.

Mission Statement

At CITCM, we train highly skilled Doctors of Acupuncture, Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners, and Massage Therapists utilizing an interactive positive learning environment with experienced, enthusiastic, caring, and knowledgeable faculty.

We promote the integration of Traditional Chinese Medicine with Western Medicine. We strive to treat patient illness and maintain health and wellbeing through natural medicine. We educate our students, patients, and community understand and view the body, mind, and spirit as a whole.

"CITCM - Where Quality Education Builds Your Successful Future"

List of Programs

CITCM offers the following programs:

- **Acupuncture Diploma**
- **Double Major Diploma (Doctor of Acupuncture & Doctor of TCM (DTCM))**
- **Double Major Plus Diploma (Doctor of Acupuncture/DTCM and 2200-Hour WE Integrated Orthopedic Massage)**
- **Bachelor of Acupuncture & Moxibustion Degree**
- **1113 hours and 2200 hours WE (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 caring 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. CITCM believes that 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 through CBC-CDUTCM. This program includes a four-year study at CITCM plus five-month internship in the CDUTCM university hospital. Federal/Provincial student loan may be available for the bachelor degree internship program in China.

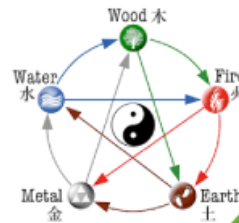


WE (Western & Eastern) Integrated Philosophy

CITCM's unique program integrates Western and Eastern knowledge of medicine 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.

Our students study the theory and modalities of Eastern medicine such as acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicines, moxibustion, cupping, Tui Na, Tai Ji and Qi Gong exercises and much more. They also study Western medicine such as anatomy, physiology, nutrition with clinical oriented focus. Marketing and business are included in the curriculum. CITCM graduates have the knowledge and insight to work in partnership with other health practitioners. The comprehensive education on both eastern and western biomedicine allows graduates thoroughly assess patients and then to determine appropriate treatment plans. The WE Philosophy prepares our graduates for a thriving practice in alternative and complementary healthcare field.



Ancient Wisdom



Modern Practice

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 and the only 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 Acupuncture & Moxibustion & Tuina,
- College of Basic Medical Science,
- College of Clinical Medicine,
- College of TCM Pharmacy,
- 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 tea culture originating in Chengdu, the city has the most tea houses in the world.

If you appreciate Chinese traditional 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 the 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.

Bachelor Degree Program Internship & Summer Camp 2024

In collaboration with China Scholarship Council (CSC), CDUTCM hosted a 2-week long of summer camp program inviting international students of the CDUTCM branch colleges. A total of 4 CITCM acupuncture students along with over 20 students from other countries participated and enjoyed various activities and events coordinated by CDUTCM while all the costs of the accommodation, meals and field trip related costs were paid for.

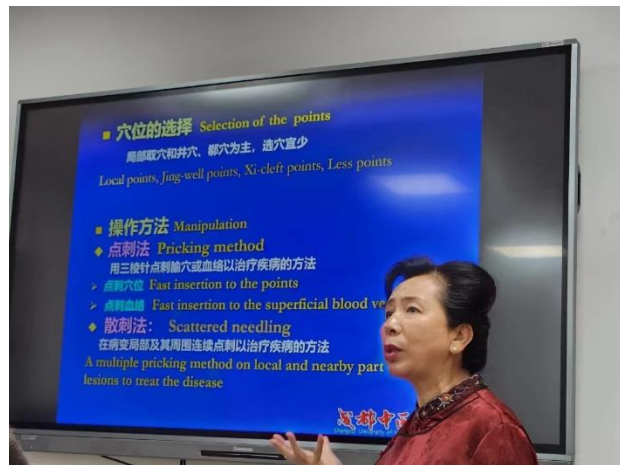
Student's Feedback from the 2023 Bachelor's Degree Internship & 2024 Summer Camp

Kelly W, 2023 Bachelor Degree graduate, her experience in the bachelor internship:

"Overall it's a nice experience with some stuff that can be improved. If the students can read Chinese, prepare a phone with high resolution to capture what's on the doctor's computer screen to review later. Try to join the events from CDUTCM. Most of them are really worth it."

Xiangli L, 2023 Bachelor Degree graduate, her experience in the bachelor internship:

"I really enjoyed my internship in CDUTCM. There are lots of opportunities in the campus to learn from the doctors in the hospital and class lectures."





Maya K, current 3rd year student in Bachelor Degree Program, her experience in the 2024 Summer Camp at CDUTCM:
"From the moment we arrived at the airport we were greeted by them and felt very welcomed. Over the course of the 2 weeks. They took time out of their day to show us around the city, guide us to touristic attractions and provide us with recommendations of where to eat. We had organized daily activities; tai chi and qi gong classes, dumpling making, dragon and lion dance performances, a visit to the Dujiangyan Panda Valley, visiting ancient streets, an international student exchange gala with a Sichuan opera performance, seminars on acupoints and moxibustion, visiting the herbal garden on campus and much more. The CDUTCM campus was absolutely stunning. The buildings are between trees, shrubs and flowers. There are many ponds, gardens, bridges that light up at night and TCM related arts and statues."



Randilee F, current 4th year student in Bachelor Degree Program, her experience in the 2024 Summer Camp:
"CDUTCM was the facilitator of the 2-week summer program, where they organized classes, events and a couple field trips to do with experiencing both the culture and traditional medicine side of China. The campus (other than the dorms) was incredible! If you love experiencing culture, learning and overcoming the hurdles of being in a new place, you should go. I can't wait to go back and experience living there for 4 months (bachelor internship). It personally reignited my passion for learning Chinese medicine after 3 years of the crazy amount of classes we have :)"



Chengdu City & CDUTCM Photos

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 monasteries/temples, and much more.



Giant Panda at Chengdu Research Base



Jianmen Pass



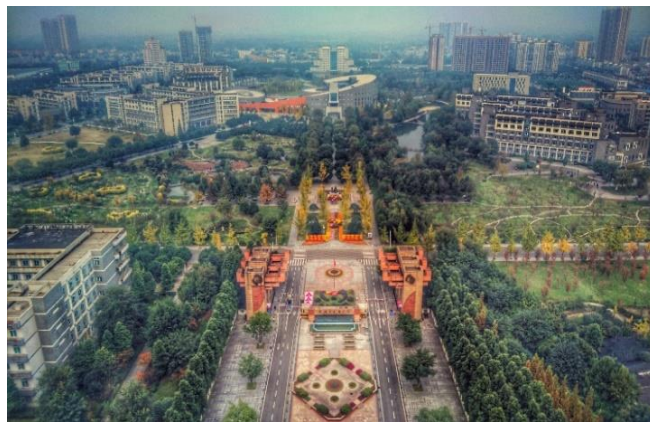
Students at CDUTCM Campus



International Students at CDUTCM



CDUTCM Museum



CDUTCM University Complex

Programs

Interactive. Hands-on. Practical. Blended learning.

Provincial & Federal student loans & grants are available for all CITCM programs.

Doctor of Acupuncture Diploma Program

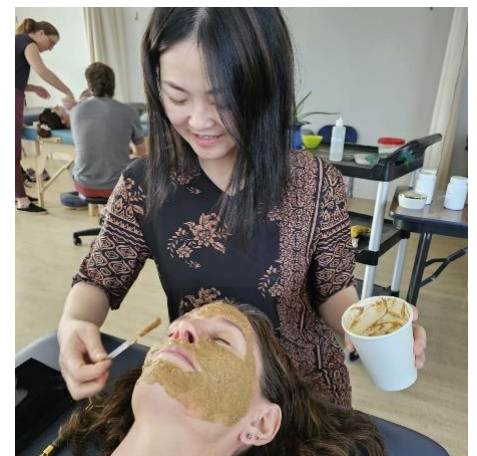
Natural, Holistic, Student-Loan Eligible.

Acupuncture is a specialized field within the scope of Traditional Chinese Medicine. CITCM's Doctor of 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, microbiology, and more.

CITCM's Doctor of 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 an internship at a university hospital in China (optional) where students will study under the most experienced professors and doctors for an 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 a Doctor of Acupuncture in the alternative health care field. CITCM's Doctor of 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's Doctor of Acupuncture diploma students are encouraged to study concurrently a Double Major career path in Doctor of 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, mostly from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, Monday to Friday. All four years of study are eligible for student loans.



Double Major Program (Doctor of Acupuncture/Doctor of TCM)

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, cupping, massage, with a focus on acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine. Throughout the program students will become competent in acupuncture and advanced traditional Chinese medicine using individualized herbal prescriptions and herbal supplement 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 mostly from 8:00 am to 12:00 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). Additionally, CITCM graduates have also successfully written the exams for Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner and Traditional Chinese Medicine Herbalist in British Columbia and Ontario.

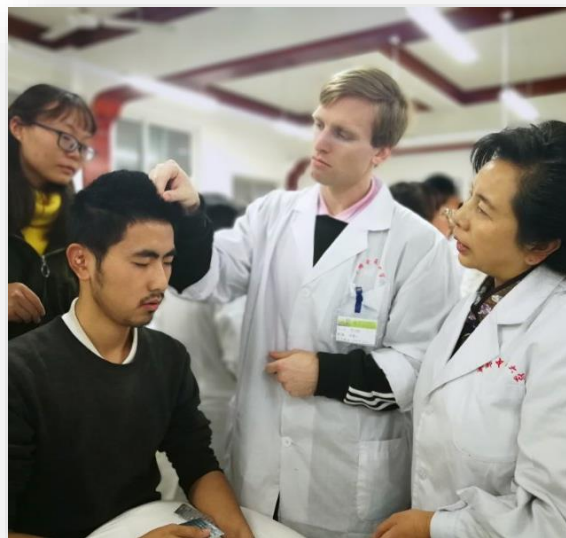


Bachelor's Degree Program from CDUTCM

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 integrated 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 (Doctor 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.

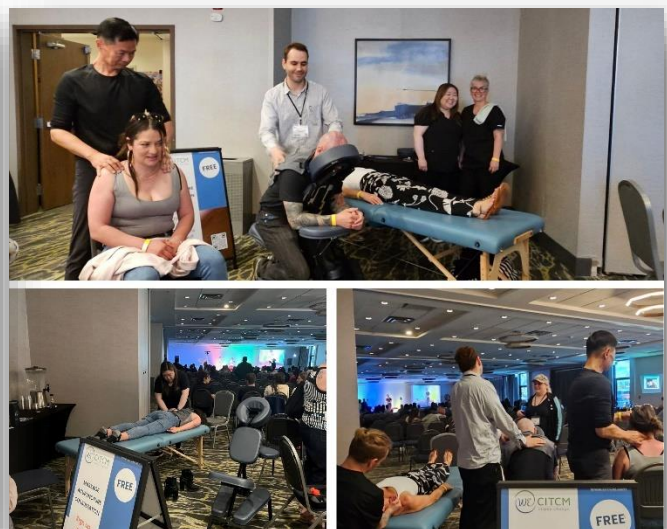
This program provides graduates with several tools to start a successful practice as an Acupuncturist, Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Orthopedic Massage Therapist. Additionally, the WE Integrated Massage diploma may be awarded upon completion of all its requirements prior to completion of 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 Unit (CEU)/ Continuing Competency Program (CCP)

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 a 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
- Official high school transcript, or official transcripts of all post-secondary if applicable
- Updated personal resume
- A letter of intent

Note: the deadline to apply for the bachelor's degree program is September 15th to CITCM. Students must also apply through Chengdu University of TCM online registration portal before September 25th.

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 or practicing in related industry/as healthcare practitioners within the past 7 years. Other related factors may be evaluated case on case basis.
- 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 Doctor of 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:

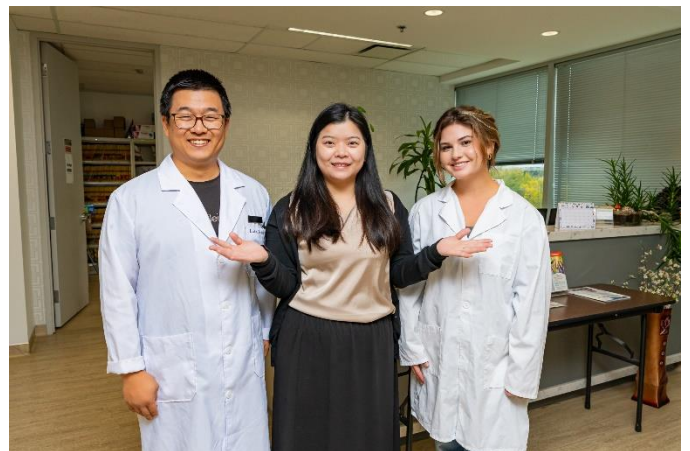
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- Applicants may be contacted to schedule an interview. The interview may be in person or by phone if she/he is from out of town or country. An acceptance letter will be sent to successful applicants for official enrollment.
- A \$500.00 registration 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 account.



- **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 signing 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

International Students

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

- Acupuncture Diploma Program
- WE Integrated Orthopedic Massage Therapy, both 1113-hour and 2200-hour programs



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;
- Visitor/Work Permit holders may apply within Canada (check IRCC website for more details)

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.)
- A current photo identification card (ID Card)
- 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

- \$11,600 per academic year for the full time Acupuncture/Double Major Acupuncture & DTCM diploma programs (four years).
- \$11,600 for four years with an additional \$5,000 tuition fee in the year of the internship plus \$200 one-time administration fee for bachelor's degree program (Degree granted from Chengdu University of TCM). Travelling, accommodation, and living expenses are not included.
- Additional tuition of \$12,900 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.

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

Doctor of Acupuncture/Doctor of TCM/Bachelor's Degree of Acupuncture & Moxibustion Program – granted from CDUTCM

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
History of TCM	Acupuncture Technique	TCM Internal Medicine (1)	Advanced TCM Internal Medicine (*)
TCM Foundations	Acupuncture Technique Lab	TCM Classics (1): Yellow Emperor	TCM External medicine
Anatomy & Physiology (1)	Pathology (1)	Acupuncture Ortho Sport Med (2)	TCM Pediatrics
Surface Anatomy	Tui Na Massage Tech & Lab	Western Lab Test Reading	Point & Safety (4) (*)
Ethics & Legal (1)	TCM Materia Medica (3)	Western Medicine (1)	Clinical Immunology (*)
Medical Terminology (*)	Points & Safety (1) (*)	Ethics and Communication (3)	TCM Classics (3): Jin Gui Yao Lue (*)
Medical Qi Gong (*)	Orthopedic Foundation (*)	Medical Tai Ji	Botanical Pharmacology and Herbal Safety (*)
Clinical online case (*)	Clinical Observation/Assistance	Clinical online case (*)	First Aid and CPR
Acupoints & Meridians (1)	Clinical online case (*)	Clinical Practice (3) – ACU	Clinical online case (*)
Acupoints & Meridians (1) Lab	Acupuncture Therapeutics (1)	Micro-Acupuncture Systems	Clinical Practice (6) – ACU
TCM Diagnostic Technique	TCM Formulas & Strategies (1)	TCM Internal Medicine (2)	Acu/TCM EENT (*)
Anatomy & Physiology (2)	Tui Na Therapeutics	Western Medicine (2)	Acu/TCM Research & Methodology (*)
TCM Materia Medica (1)	Pathology (2)	Western Nutrition (*)	TCM Classics (4): Wen Bing (*)
Chinese Medical Terminology	Biochemistry	Point & Safety (3) (*)	TCM Doctrines (*)
Clinical Observation/Assistance 1	Ethics and Legal (2)	Clinical online case (*)	Acupuncture Orthopedic Sport Med (3) (*)
Clinical online case (*)	Business Management (1)	Clinical Practice (4) – ACU	Clinical online case (*)
TCM Differentiation Syndromes	Clinical Strategies (2): Safety and Clean Needle	TCM Internal Medicine (3)	Clinical Practice (7) – ACU
Acupoints & Meridians (2)	Clinical Practice (1)	Acu/TCM Gynecology	Clinical Practice (8) – ACU
Acupoints & Meridians (2) Lab	Clinical online case (*)	TCM Preventative Medicine and Diet Therapy	Clinical Practice (9) in CDUTCM (Bachelor Program only)
Microbiology	Acupuncture Therapeutics (2)	Western Medicine (3)	

TCM Materia Medica (2)	TCM Formulas and Strategies (2)	TCM Classics (2): Shang Han Lun (*)
Clin Strategy 1: Clinical Success	Western Pharmacology	Business Management (3)
Clinical Observation/Assistance 2	Western Physical Assessment	Clinical online case (*)
Clinical online case (*)	Acupuncture-Orthopaedic Sport Medicine (1)	Clinical Practice (5) - ACU
	Points and Safety (2) (*)	
	Business Management (2)	
	Clinical Practice (2)	
	Clinical online case (*)	

(*) Not Included in the Doctor of Acupuncture Program

Double Major Plus Program (Doctor of Acupuncture/Doctor of TCM PLUS 2200-Hour WE Integrated Orthopedic Massage)

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
History of TCM	Acupuncture Technique	TCM Internal Medicine (1)	Advanced TCM Internal Medicine (*)
TCM Foundations	Acupuncture Technique Lab	TCM Classics (1): Yellow Emperor	TCM External medicine
Anatomy & Physiology (1)	Pathology (1)	Acupuncture Orthopedic Sport Med (2)	TCM Pediatrics
Surface Anatomy	Tui Na Massage Tech & Lab	Western Lab Test Reading	Point & Safety (4) (*)
Ethics & Legal (1)	TCM Materia Medica (3)	Western Medicine (1)	Clinical Immunology (*)
Medical Terminology (*)	Points & Safety (1) (*)	Ethics and Communication (3)	TCM Classics (3): Jin Gui Yao Lue (*)
Medical Qi Gong (*)	Orthopedic Foundation (*)	Medical Tai Ji	Botanical Pharmacology and Herbal Safety (*)
Clinical online case (*)	Clinical Observation/Assistance	Clinical online case (*)	First Aid and CPR
Acupoints & Meridians (1)	Clinical online case (*)	Clinical Practice (3) - ACU	Clinical online case (*)
Acupoints & Meridians (1) Lab	Acupuncture Therapeutics (1)	Micro-Acupuncture Systems	Clinical Practice (6) - ACU
TCM Diagnostic Technique	TCM Formulas & Strategies (1)	TCM Internal Medicine (2)	Acu/TCM EENT (*)
Anatomy & Physiology (2)	Tui Na Therapeutics	Western Medicine (2)	Acu/TCM Research & Methodology (*)
TCM Materia Medica (1)	Pathology (2)	Western Nutrition (*)	TCM Classics (4): Wen Bing (*)

Chinese Medical Terminology	Biochemistry	Point & Safety (3) (*)	TCM Doctrines (*)
Clinical Observation/Assistance 1	Ethics and Legal (2)	Clinical online case (*)	Acupuncture Orthopedic Sport Med (3) (*)
Clinical online case (*)	Business Management (1)	Clinical Practice (4) - ACU	Clinical online case (*)
TCM Differentiation Syndromes	Clinical Strategies (2): Safety and Clean Needle	TCM Internal Medicine (3)	Clinical Practice (7) - ACU
Acupoints & Meridians (2)	Clinical Practice (1)	Acu/TCM Gynecology	Clinical Practice (8) - ACU
Acupoints & Meridians (2) Lab	Clinical online case (*)	TCM Preventative Medicine and Diet Therapy	Clinical Practice (9) in CDUTCM (Bachelor Program only)
Microbiology	Acupuncture Therapeutics (2)	Western Medicine (3)	
TCM Materia Medica (2)	TCM Formulas and Strategies (2)	TCM Classics (2): Shang Han Lun (*)	
Clin Strategy (1): Clinical Success	Western Pharmacology	Business management (3)	
Clinical Observation/Assistance 2	Western Physical Assessment	Clinical online case (*)	
Clinical online case (*)	Acupuncture-Orthopaedic Sport Medicine (1)	Clinical Practice (5) - ACU	
Western Massage (1)	Points and Safety (2) (*)		
Western Massage (2)	Business Management (2)		
Arthrology & Myology (1)	Clinical Practice (2)		
Hydrotherapy	Clinical online case (*)		
Western Massage (3)	Advanced Massage (1)		
Arthrology & Myology (2)	Eastern Massage (1) - Scalp & Reflexology		
Applied kinesiology	Eastern Massage (2) - Thai Massage		
Massage Research	Advanced Massage (2)		
Onsite Massage Clinic Practice	Advanced Massage (3)		
Offsite Massage Clinic Practice	Eastern Massage (3)		
	Neurology - Asynchronized Onsite Massage Clinic Practice		
	Offsite Massage Clinic Practice		

*Courses in blue are the additional massage courses
(* Not Included in the Doctor of Acupuncture 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 your learning and be able to contribute the time, skills, and knowledge to Calgary's most vulnerable.

The Alex Community Centre

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<http://www.thealex.ca/>

The Mustard Seed

1010 Centre St S, Calgary, AB T2G 1B3
<https://theseed.ca/>

Shalem Society for Senior Citizens Care

3010 51 St SW #101, Calgary, AB T3E 6V8
<https://www.shalem.ca/>

Orthopaedic Massage Consultants

Suite #228, 4411 16 Ave NW, Calgary, AB T2T3W2
<http://orthopaedicmassageconsultants.com/>

Offsite Community Events

Other than practicing in clinical settings, CITCM also actively participates in various offsite community events to allow students to gain experience and opportunities to give back to the community. In the past we had massage booths in some events such as Women's Run, Kidney March, Make a Wish, UoC Alumni Association, Calgary Ironman, Wildrose Women's Triathlon, Nurse's Week at Peter Lougheed Hospital, etc.



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. The professionals include a diversity of health care practitioners such as physicians, naturopathic doctors, chiropractors and physiotherapists who love teaching and have a holistic and integrated approach towards their practice.



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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 help 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. Neetash Patel, B.Sc., D.C., Chiropractor
- Dr. Gayle Maguire, B.Sc., ND

CITCM Acupuncture & Massage Intern Clinic

is a partner with *BodyMind Synergy Health 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 or Registered Massage Therapist. Our interns also have the opportunities to observe at the BodyMind Synergy Health Centre, a professional clinic with Doctors of Acupuncture & TCM, at offsite/other approved Acupuncture/TCM clinics.

Services:

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Cupping

Guasha

Moxibustion

Relaxation Massage

Therapeutic Massage

Thai Massage

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Integrated Massage (massage & cupping/guasha/face massage/TMJ Massage)

Call for hours and more information

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Frequently Asked Questions

Are the CITCM programs accredited?

CITCM is licensed under the Private Vocational Schools Act; CITCM is governed by the College of Acupuncturists of Alberta (CAA). CITCM is also granted as a branch college of Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CDUTCM) since 2021. CITCM's Doctor of Acupuncture and Doctor of TCM curriculum is recognized by CDUTCM. With an additional five-month internship at CDUTCM affiliated teaching hospitals, graduates will be granted a Bachelor's Degree of Acupuncture & Moxibustion from the CDUTCM which is recognized internationally.

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 in the afternoon.

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 multi-disciplinary clinics.

As CITCM graduate, can I practice anywhere in Canada?

Yes, you can. You will have to pass the Pan-Canadian Entry-level Examinations for Acupuncturists registration exams to be licensed as a Doctor of Acupuncture in Alberta. Under existing labour mobility act, you may transfer your license to other provinces through their regulatory bodies and practice as Doctor of Acupuncture/Registered Acupuncturists/Registered TCM Practitioner/Registered TCM Herbalist. If you complete the double major Acupuncture & Doctor of TCM Diploma program you can write the exam for Pan-Canadian Entry-level Examinations for TCM Practitioners and TCM Herbalists to practise as TCM Practitioner/Registered TCM Herbalist in regulated provinces like British Columbia and Ontario.

Acupuncture Industry Information and Labour Mobility Act

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 (Acupuncture/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: *Doctor of Acupuncture/Licensed or Registered Acupuncturist, Registered TCM 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.

- Alberta – *College and Associates of Acupuncture of Alberta* – <http://acupuncturealberta.ca/>
- British Columbia – *College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia* – <http://www.ctcma.bc.ca/>
- Ontario – *College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario* – <https://www.ctcmpao.on.ca/>
- Quebec – *Association des Acupuncteurs du Québec* – <http://www.acupuncture-quebec.com/en/discover-acupuncture/acupuncture-profession.html>
- Newfoundland – *College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture of Newfoundland and Labrador* – <http://ctcmpanl.ca/>

Alberta only recognizes the title Registered Acupuncturist or 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).

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. Through assessment process by The International Consultants of Delaware Inc., CITCM graduates are able to have the transcript assessed and determined to be eligible to challenge the acupuncture exams to practice in most states in the USA.

International Mobility

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 international employment and regulations. CITCM graduates with bachelor's degree from CDUTCM are also able to write exams internationally such as in Singapore, Thailand, USA. Students must pursue their own inquiry into each country regulations.

I am a western trained health professional; will I receive advanced standing into the Doctor of Acupuncture/Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine program?

CITCM encourages doctors, nurses, or any other health professionals to apply to the Double Major Diploma Program. As a trained health practitioner, it is possible that you will receive up to two years (medical doctors) of credit transfers for both theory and clinic courses towards the Double Major Diploma Program. With this, you may be able to complete the four-year program in two-three years (credit transfer assessment policy and fee apply). For other health practitioners who wish to further their career into practice of natural medicine, you have the advantages to transfer credits for both theory classes as well as some clinical hours, that will possibly allow you to graduate from the program two semesters early (credit transfer assessment policy and fee apply).

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