

TCM PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACK



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WHY STUDY ACUPUNCTURE & CHINESE MEDICINE AT KCCIHS?

The Kootenay Columbia College of Integrative Health Sciences (KCCIHS), formerly, the Academy of Classical Oriental Sciences (KCCIHS), is a well-established school now in its 20th year of PTIB accreditation (Private Training Institutes Branch). This standing means that our programs, instructors, and facilities are all government approved and regulated and that our students are eligible for student loans. Our Traditional Chinese Medicine graduates have successful practices all over the world and KCCIHS is renowned for its comprehensive educational programs and its rigorous academic standards.

Graduates of the College are consistently successful in passing their licensing exams in British Columbia, Alberta, and in the United States. Students come from all over to attend our programs: 7 provinces, 14 States and 9 countries, including Mexico, Argentina, France, Germany, Australia, Norway and Japan.

KCCIHS offers the following TCM programs:

ACUPUNCTURE Program - 3 Years

TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE HERBALIST Program - 3 Years

TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONER Program - 4 Years

DOCTOR of TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE Program - 5 Years

Why Nelson?

Location! Location! Location!. Nelson, BC is a beautiful mountain town boasting some of Canada's most spectacular scenery, a vibrant arts culture, fantastic live music venues and festivals, world-class skiing, mountain biking, and spectacular hiking. Nature lovers will find no shortage of outdoor pursuits! Students with families find it an exceptional environment for raising children.

We have recently relocated to two magnificent heritage buildings on Baker Street -- the heart of downtown Nelson. These new locations offer an attractive and convenient setting for our student clinics and dispensary, bookstore, and classrooms. Ask us for a tour!



DID YOU KNOW...

- 75% of the population in Canada has used complementary medicine at least once.
- In the United States, 158 million of the adult population use complementary medicines and according to the USA Commission for Alternative and Complementary medicines, US\$17 billion was spent on traditional remedies in 2000.
- In the United Kingdom, annual expenditure on alternative medicine is US\$230 million.
- The global market for herbal medicines currently stands at over US\$60 billion annually and is growing steadily.
- TCM stands for Traditional Chinese Medicine. TCM includes acupuncture, herbology, diet therapy, Tui Na (massage) and Medical Qi Gong.
- Doctors of TCM have an equivalent level of education as Chiropractors, Naturopathic physicians, Homeopathic physicians - a minimum of seven years of education.
- Licensing is different across Canada. Only five provinces have licensing requirements for Acupuncture, TCM practitioners and TCM Herbalists: British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Quebec. In October 2013, the first Pan-Canadian examinations have replaced part of the provincial ones. In BC National exams will be held for the R. Acupuncturist, the R. TCM Herbalist and the R. TCM Practitioner. At this point the Doctor of TCM exams are still held by the CTCMA directly. Starting 2017 they will be part of the Pan-Canadians as well.
- The College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC (CTCMA) is the self-governing body for practice in British Columbia. They administer the TCM and Acupuncturists Bylaws established under the Health Professions Act of BC.
- In order to be able to practice Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine in British Columbia, applicants must pass written and practical Pan-Canadian examinations in each area of practice. Doctors of TCM in BC have successfully completed three sets of examinations (six exams in total).
- Licensing varies in the USA from state-to-state. Overall it is regulated by NCCAOM & ACAOM. Some States have Acupuncture Boards.
- There are four different designations of practice in BC:
 - Registered Acupuncturist R.Ac (3-yrs of specialized education)
 - Registered TCM Herbalist R.TCMH (3-yrs of specialized education)
 - Registered TCM Practitioner R.TCMP (4-yrs of specialized education)
 - Doctor of TCM Dr.TCM (5-yrs of specialized education)
- The Pan-Canadian examinations are the outcome of work done by regulators across Canada - the Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies for Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists (CARB - TCMPA). CARB - TCMPA is the national organization of provincial and territorial regulatory bodies that govern and monitor the practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners, Acupuncturists and/or Herbologists.
- There are hundreds of registered Acupuncturists, TCM Herbalists, Practitioners and Doctors in BC. The West Kootenay area is home to over 30 practitioners.
- Nelson has a free Acupuncture Addictions Clinic. Funded by the IH (Interior Health), it provides an alternate treatment method for people with smoking, drugs, alcohol and food addictions. It is located at 333 Victoria Street



and is staffed by a licensed practitioner and 3rd year KCC students on Tuesdays from 1:30 – 3:30pm and by a licensed practitioner on Fridays from 9:30 – 11:30am.

- KCC students complete a higher number of hands-on clinical training hours than students at other British Columbian TCM schools: 600-700 hours in the 3-year programs; 1,008 hours in the 4-Year program; and 1,173 hours in the 5-year program. Also our programs contain more lecture hours than the other TCM schools offer in BC.
- KCC students learn clinical skills in the KCC Outpatient Clinic; the KCC Student Clinic; the KCC Herbal Dispensary; the KCC Classroom Clinic; the Nelson Acupuncture Addictions Clinic; the KCC Tui Na Clinic; and through 6, 12, & 14-week practicum placements.
- KCC & Selkirk College work together to benefit students in our community. Over the years KCC students have partnered with Selkirk students in the Human Service Program to mutually hone their counseling skills; have utilized the Selkirk - Castlegar science labs; and have accessed Selkirk computer labs to conduct research for their upper-level research papers.
- Dr. Bruce Pomeranz, MD (McGill) PhD Physiology (Harvard) produced the first scientific evidence to show that acupuncture relieves pain by inducing the body to release endorphins in 1975.
- The World Health Organization has publicly announced that acupuncture is suitable for treating:
 - **Ear, Nose & Throat disorders:** *toothaches, gingivitis, acute or chronic otitis, acute sinusitis, acute rhinitis, nasal catarrh and acute tonsillitis*
 - **Respiratory disorders:** *asthma, bronchitis, coughs, colds & allergies*
 - **Gastrointestinal disorders:** *esophageal & cardio spasm, hiccup, gastroptosis, acute or chronic gastritis, sour stomach, chronic duodenal ulcers, acute or chronic colonitis, acute bacillary dysentery, constipation, diarrhea and paralytic ileus*
 - **Eye disorders:** *acute conjunctivitis, central retinitis, near-sightedness (in children) & cataracts without complications*
 - **Neurological & Muscular disorders:** *headaches, migraines, trigeminal neuralgia, post-stroke paresis, peripheral neuritis, neurological bladder dysfunction, bed-wetting, intercostals neuralgia, cervical syndrome, frozen shoulder, tennis elbow, sciatica, low back pain & osteoarthritis*
- Acupuncture has been used for centuries in China to treat a host of other problems such as *joint pain, sprains & strains, stress, skin problems, infertility, sexual dysfunction, PMS and most gynecological complaints.*

PROGRAM FEES (DOMESTIC)

ACUPUNCTURE PROGRAM (TDV7) ~Domestic Fees						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3			PROGRAM TOTAL
TUITION	\$11,484.50	\$10,369.50	\$14,495.00			\$36,349.00
PROGRAM CREDITS	51.5	46.5	65.0			163.0
PROGRAM HOURS	772.5	697.5	975.0			2,445.0
CLINICAL PLACEMENT HOURS		30	255			285.0
TCM HERBALIST PROGRAM (WEI7) ~Domestic Fees						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3			PROGRAM TOTAL
TUITION	\$11,484.50	\$11,930.50	\$14,049.00			\$37,464.00
Program Credits	51.5	53.5	63.0			168.0
Program Hours	772.5	802.5	945.0			2,520.0
Clinical Placement Hours		30	255			285.0
TCM PRACTITIONER PROGRAM (TEB7) ~Domestic Fees						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4		PROGRAM TOTAL
TUITION	\$11,484.50	\$13,491.50	\$12,711.00	\$13,826.00		\$51,513.00
Program Credits	51.5	60.5	57.0	62.0		231.0
Program Hours	772.5	907.5	855.0	930.0		3,465.0
Clinical Placement Hours		30	30	585		645.0
DOCTOR OF TCM PROGRAM (TZI7) ~Domestic Fees						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	PROGRAM TOTAL
TUITION	\$11,484.50	\$13,491.50	\$12,711.00	\$13,826.00	\$10,481.00	\$61,994.00
Program Credits	51.5	60.5	57.0	62.0	47.0	278.0
Program Hours	772.5	907.5	855.0	930.0	705.0	4,170.0
Clinical Placement Hours		30	30	585	225	870.0

PROGRAM FEES (INTERNATIONAL)

ACUPUNCTURE PROGRAM ~International Fees						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3			PROGRAM TOTAL
TUITION	\$13,750.50	\$12,415.50	\$17,355.00			\$43,521.00
PROGRAM CREDITS	51.5	46.5	65.0			163.0
PROGRAM HOURS	772.5	697.5	975.0			2,445.0
CLINICAL PLACEMENT HOURS		30	255			285.0
TCM HERBALIST PROGRAM ~International Fees						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3			PROGRAM TOTAL
TUITION	\$13,750.50	\$14,284.50	\$16,821.00			\$44,856.00
PROGRAM CREDITS	51.5	53.5	63.0			168.0
PROGRAM HOURS	772.5	802.5	945.0			2,520.0
CLINICAL PLACEMENT HOURS		30	255			285.0
TCM PRACTITIONER PROGRAM ~International Fees						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4		PROGRAM TOTAL
TUITION	\$13,750.50	\$16,153.50	\$15,219.00	\$16,554.00		\$61,677.00
Program Credits	51.5	60.5	57.0	62.0		231.0
Program Hours	772.5	907.5	855.0	930.0		3,465.0
Clinical Placement Hours		30	30	585		645.0
DOCTOR OF TCM PROGRAM ~International Fees						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	PROGRAM TOTAL
TUITION	\$13,750.50	\$16,153.50	\$15,219.00	\$16,554.00	\$12,549.00	\$74,226.00
Program Credits	51.5	60.5	57.0	62.0	47.0	278.0
Program Hours	772.5	907.5	855.0	930.0	705.0	4,170.0
Clinical Placement Hours		30	30	585	225	870.0

TCM APPLICATION FORM

Complete applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the year for entrance to the fall start in September as well as the winter start in January. Applicants are strongly urged to submit application materials as early as possible. Please contact KCCIHS if you require assistance with this application.

I am applying for the:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-year Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-year Acupuncturist Program | <input type="checkbox"/> New Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-year TCM Herbalist Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer from _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> September Intake | <input type="checkbox"/> January Intake |

1. Personal Information

Full name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone (home): _____ Telephone (work): _____

Citizenship: _____ Birthdate: _____ Email Address: _____

2. Education

Please list secondary schools and post secondary schools and degrees in the space below. Official transcripts are required from High school as well as all other post-secondary education.

Name of Institution	Province/State	From	To	Degree/Diploma Earned

3. Two Letters of Recommendation

These should include teachers and/or other professionals (exclude relatives and close personal friends) who can comment on your potential as a health-care provider and on your ability to succeed in the program at KCCIHS.

Name

Professional Title and Institution

4. Related Training

Indicate previous training in Chinese medicine and/or related fields. Please provide relevant documentation. If you are a licensed practitioner, please provide your registration number and registration jurisdiction.

5. Work experience

Submit your current resume indicating volunteer and paid work.

6. Interests

What do you like to do to balance your work/school life?

7. Finances

Explain how you will finance your tuition, books and supply costs and support yourself while attending the program.

KCC is fully accredited and designated for Canada Student Loans. Do you intend to apply for Canada Student Loans?

Yes

No

8. Personal Essay

On a separate page, please discuss the process and experiences that have led you to want to study Chinese Medicine and how you envision your future in the TCM field (about 1,000 words).

➤ Review Your Application

A complete application contains:

- Application form. Use separate pages, if required.
 - Official transcripts of secondary and all post secondary education, certificates, diplomas, etc. to be sent directly to KCCIHS or included in a sealed envelope with your package.
 - Two letters of recommendation to be sent directly to KCCIHS.
 - Physician's certificate of health (Western, Chinese or Naturopathic physician); a general statement of your current state of physical and mental health; **severe allergies must be mentioned on it**
 - Your current resume
 - Personal essay
 - Application fee of \$100.00 CDN (non-refundable), payable to KCCIHS. Out-of-country applicants should submit the application fee in the form of a money order in Canadian funds. In case you have difficulty obtaining Canadian funds, please contact KCCIHS.
- The Application Committee may request a personal or telephone/skype interview with any applicant.
- The admission requirements cannot be waived by either the College or the applicant.

➤ B. Sign

I am aware that as a student of the Kootenay Columbia College, I will be required to become a student registrant with the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC (CTCMA) and that the CTCMA requires all registrants to undergo a criminal record check.

I am aware that, if I am planning to be licensed by the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists (CTCMA) in BC, two (2) years of liberal arts and sciences (comprised of not less than 60 credits) in an accredited college or chartered/approved university acceptable to the CTCMA registration committee will be required to write the registration examinations. Please see the CTCMA website for more information at http://www.ctcma.bc.ca/assests/files/pdf_resources/Examinations/Universtiy_Requirement.pdf

I hereby attest that all information provided in this application is true.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

➤ Send

If you are submitting application and/or reference information by email or fax, please send the original copies in the mail as well.

Applicants are advised to familiarize themselves with the current curriculum via our website. All fees, terms, courses and financial policies are subject to change without notice.

All materials filed in support of this application become part of your permanent, confidential record at KCCIHS: they will not be returned.

➤ Applications should be sent to:

Steve Biancolin, Registrar, Kootenay Columbia College, #2 – 560 Baker Street, Nelson, BC, Canada, V1L 4H9
registrar@kootenaycolumbiacollege.com

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

_____ {Applicant's Name} is applying for admission to the *Kootenay Columbia College of Integrative Health Sciences*:

- 3-year Acupuncturist Program
- 4-year Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner Program
- 3-year TCM Herbalist Program
- 5-year Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine Program

KCC seeks students who show promise of becoming dedicated, responsible and compassionate health-care professionals. To succeed as a health-care practitioner, students must have academic and personal strength, moral character, commitment and as the business skills necessary to succeed professionally.

Please help us assess the applicant's strengths, weaknesses, and moral character with regards to graduate study and eventual career as a health-care provider by answering the following questions. Please feel free to attach additional paper if necessary or write a recommendation in the form of a letter.

1. How long have you known the applicant, and what is the nature of your association?

2. Please evaluate the applicant on the following attributes:

Communication and interpersonal skills

Academic ability

Organizational skills and ability to set and pursue long-range goals

Personal, moral and ethical integrity

Degree of self-knowledge and commitment to personal growth

Name [print] and Signature

Date

STATEMENT OF HEALTH

To be completed and signed by a Physician (Western, Traditional Chinese Medicine or Naturopathic physician); **severe allergies must be noted.**

I have carefully examined Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____

Based on the examination, I certify that:

He/she is in good mental and physical health and is free from any physical conditions which may interfere with his/her studies including the clinical duties required of a student attending a Acupuncture/TCM and/or Registered Massage Therapy program.

I have observed the following:

Name of Physician _____

Length of therapeutic Relationship: _____

Signature of Physician:

Clinic Location/Stamp:

Date:
