

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF CHINESE MEDICINE IN ACUPUNCTURE AND MOXIBUSTION  
(MChinMed[Acup&Mox])**

*(See also General Regulations)*

Any publication based on work approved for a higher degree should contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to the University of Hong Kong for the award of the degree.

The degree of Master of Chinese Medicine in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (MChinMed[Acup&Mox]) is a postgraduate degree awarded for the satisfactory completion, on a part-time basis, of a prescribed course of study and clinical practicum in acupuncture. The MChinMed(Acup&Mox) is offered by the School of Chinese Medicine, Faculty of Medicine.

**Admission requirements**

**MCM1** To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Master of Chinese Medicine in Acupuncture and Moxibustion, a candidate

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations but with waiver on Regulation G2(b)
- (b) shall hold
  - (i) the degree of BTCM/BChinMed of this University; or a qualification of equivalent standard from another University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; or
  - (ii) a Bachelor's degree in western medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy or healthcare field with appropriate qualification of diploma in acupuncture from a University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose.

**MCM2** A candidate who does not hold a Bachelor's degree may be permitted to register if

- (a) he is a Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioner with Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong;
- (b) he is a diploma holder in acupuncture from a University or comparable institution; and
- (c) he has completed a minimum of five years' experience as acupuncturist and is able to produce evidence in support thereof.

**Award of degree**

**MCM3** To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Chinese Medicine in Acupuncture and Moxibustion, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
- (b) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.

**Length of curriculum**

**MCM4** The curriculum shall extend over not less than two academic years of part-time study, with a minimum of 714 hours of prescribed work.

### **Completion of curriculum**

- MCM5** To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall
- (a) follow the courses of instruction presented in the syllabus;
  - (b) satisfy the examiners in all written examinations and coursework assessments for the prescribed theoretical courses;
  - (c) complete satisfactorily all practical and clinical work for the prescribed practical course and clinical practicum;
  - (d) undertake the requisite period of clinical practicum in an approved establishment (recognized by the jurisdiction of the territory in which it is situated) which offers acupuncture treatment at specialist or ward level; and
  - (e) complete and present a satisfactory dissertation on a subject within his approved field of study and pass an oral examination on the dissertation itself.
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### **Title and submission of dissertation**

**MCM6** The title of the dissertation shall be submitted for approval before the end of the first academic year of study, and the dissertation shall be submitted and presented with an oral examination by a prescribed date no later than the end of the last semester of the Master of Chinese Medicine in Acupuncture and Moxibustion programme. The candidate shall submit a statement that the dissertation represents his own work (or in the case of conjoint work, a statement countersigned by his co-worker, which shows his share of the work) undertaken after registration as a candidate for the degree.

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### **Examinations**

**MCM7** Examinations shall normally be held at the end of each semester.

**MCM8** A candidate's coursework, including completion of written assignments and participation in practical work, as the case may be, shall be taken into account in determining the candidate's result in the theoretical and practical courses. Clinical practicum shall be assessed based on case reports and performance in the practicum.

**MCM9** A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in the written examination may be permitted to present himself for re-examination at a time specified by the Board of Examiners; or he may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

**MCM10** A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in any prescribed practical and clinical work may be permitted to fulfill such deficiencies to the satisfaction of the examiners within a specified period.

**MCM11** A candidate who has failed to present a satisfactory dissertation may be permitted to submit a revised dissertation within a specified period; or may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

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### **Examination results**

**MCM12** At the conclusion of the examination and after presentation of the dissertations, the names of successful candidates shall be published in alphabetical order.

**MCM13**

- (a) The Chinese title of the degree shall be “**中醫學碩士(針灸學)**”
- (b) The examinations and assessments of the MChinMed(Acup&Mox) curriculum shall normally be conducted in Chinese. The dissertation shall be written in either Chinese or English.

**SYLLABUSES FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF CHINESE MEDICINE IN ACUPUNCTURE AND MOXIBUSTION**

*(To be read in conjunction with Regulations for MChinMed[Acup&Mox])*

Candidates are required to complete all the prescribed courses of the curriculum. The MChinMed(Acup&Mox) curriculum shall consist of theoretical courses, practicum and a dissertation project. Candidates are required to complete a compulsory period of clinical practicum of 200 hours. The clinical practicum may be taken in blocks during any designated time assigned for such purpose within the candidates' period of registration. The dissertation project will be of 120 hours credited work.

Candidates are required to follow the prescribed sequence of course progression.

**First Year**

MCHM6100	Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine (24 hours)
MCHM6101	Classic Literature in Acupuncture (40 hours)
MCHM6102	Biomedical Courses Allied to Acupuncture (60 hours)
MCHM6103	Manipulative Techniques in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (60 hours)
MCMH6104	Therapeutics in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (60 hours)
MCHM6107	Experimental Acupuncture I (35 hours)

**Second Year**

MCMH6105	Practical Tui-na (40 hours)
MCHM6106	Clinical Practicum in Acupuncture (100 hours)
MCHM6201	Seminars on Acupuncture and Moxibustion (30 hours)
MCHM6202	Advanced Clinical Practicum in Acupuncture (100 hours)
MCHM6203	Dissertation Project (120 hours)
MCHM6204	Experimental Acupuncture II (45 hours)

**MCHM6100. Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine (24 hours)**

This course includes project design, clinical trial, summary of clinical experience in Chinese Medicine, experimental research, literature review, medical statistics, etc.

**MCHM6101. Classic and Literature in Acupuncture (40 hours)**

The purpose of this course is to provide an in-depth study of acupuncture as an academic discipline. A critical understanding of the major texts and literature in this field is expected as the main learning outcome. The module contents include:

- (i) academic history of acupuncture and moxibustion
  - (ii) focused study of original text in the “Canon of Internal Medicine” on “the theory of meridians and collaterals” with special emphasis on Chapter 10 of “ling shu jing luo” in relation to the circulatory pathways of the 12 meridians
  - (iii) selected readings of acupuncture classics (“Nei Jing”, “Nan Jing” and “Jia Yi Jing”)
  - (iv) selected readings of subsidiary texts and literature in acupuncture from Sui-Tang dynasties to Ming-Qing era.
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#### **MCHM6102. Biomedical Courses Allied to Acupuncture (60 hours)**

This course provides coverage of the essential topics in biomedical sciences which are cognate to the pursuit of research in acupuncture

- (i) human endocrinology: introduction to modern concepts of clinical endocrinology with an emphasis on studying the mechanism of hormonal action and the inter-relationship between the endocrine system and the immune, nervous and humoral systems.
  - (ii) Immunology: introduction to modern advances in immunology; immune reaction and immune response processes, pathways and mechanisms; immunological methods applied in medicine and research.
  - (iii) Neurophysiology: study of functional differentiation in the human brain with specific emphasis on cerebral cortical specializations; recording principles in neurophysiology.
  - (iv) Neurochemistry: biochemical basis of neural functions; brain substrates and metabolites; chemical nature of neural transmission.
  - (v) Neuropharmacology: pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of CNS drugs; broad introduction to psychopharmacology, drug addiction and drug abuse, anesthetics, pain and opioid analgesia.
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#### **MCHM6103. Manipulative Techniques in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (60 hours)**

This course aims at studying the manipulative techniques in clinical acupuncture, including the techniques in “Nei Jing”, “Nan Jing” and “Zen Jiu Da Cheng”. It comprises 40 hours theory study and 20 hours clinical instruction.

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#### **MCHM6104. Therapeutics in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (60 hours)**

This is a course in clinical acupuncture aiming at studying the management of common and severe diseases with acupuncture.

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#### **MCHM6107. Experimental Acupuncture I (35 hours)**

This course comprises the following modules aiming at introducing experiments in acupuncture research:

- (i) Methodology in Meridian Research
  - (ii) The Common Techniques in Acupuncture and Moxibustion
  - (iii) Methods in Acupuncture Research Using Animals
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#### **MCHM6105. Practical Tui-na (40 hours)**

Tu-na is Chinese Therapeutic Massage. The module introduces the common tui-na techniques and their indications.

**MCHM6106. Clinical Practicum in Acupuncture (100 hours)**

This course is to be completed in the first year of study, under the supervision of professors of acupuncture at clinical centre(s) for Teaching and Research of School of Chinese Medicine of The University of Hong Kong.

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**MCHM6201. Seminars on Acupuncture and Moxibustion (30 hours)**

This module includes the following seminars:

- (i) The Three-Dimensional Anatomy of Acupoints
  - (ii) Traditional Time-Therapeutics in Acupuncture
  - (iii) The Development in Meridian Research
  - (iv) Research on Classic Literature in Acupuncture
  - (v) The Directions of Experimental Research in Acupuncture
  - (vi) Pain and Curing Pain with Acupuncture
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**MCHM6202. Advanced Clinical Practicum in Acupuncture (100 hours)**

This course is to be completed under the supervision of professors of acupuncture at an approved establishment in the Mainland (recognized by the jurisdiction of the territory in which it is situated) which offers acupuncture treatment at specialist or ward level.

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**MCHM6203. Dissertation Project (120 hours)**

The dissertation project shall be carried out on an assigned topic in experimental acupuncture, or in clinical acupuncture, or in an area of acupuncture study meriting extensive literature review. Candidates will be required to attend research workshops and seminars during the course of carrying out.

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**MCHM6204. Experimental Acupuncture II (45 hours)**

This course comprises the following modules aiming at introducing experiments in acupuncture research:

- (i) The Mechanism of Action in Acupuncture and Moxibustion
- (ii) Experiments on the Mechanism of Action in Acupuncture and Moxibustion