

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF CHINESE MEDICINE (MChinMed)

(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 is a postgraduate degree awarded for the satisfactory completion of the prescribed course of study in the field of Internal Medicine.

Admission requirements

MCM1 To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Master of Chinese Medicine

For Internal Medicine

- (a) A candidate shall comply with the General Regulations but with waiver on Regulation G2(b); and
- (b) A candidate 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 Chinese Medicine from a University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose.
- (c) A candidate who does not hold a Bachelor's degree may be permitted to register if he/she
 - (i) is a Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioner with Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong; and
 - (ii) is a diploma holder in Chinese Medicine from a University or comparable institution as recognized by this University; and
 - (iii) has a minimum of five years' working experience in clinics of Chinese Medicine and is able to produce evidence in support thereof.

Award of degree

MCM2 To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Chinese Medicine, 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

MCM3 The curriculum shall extend over not less than two academic years of part-time study, with a minimum of 710 hours of prescribed work. The maximum period of study should not exceed three years.

Completion of curriculum

- MCM4** To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall
- (a) follow the courses of instruction as prescribed in the syllabus for which no exemption will be granted;
 - (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 Chinese medicine 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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Dissertation

MCM5 The title of the dissertation shall be submitted for approval by a date as prescribed in the syllabus. The dissertation shall be presented by a date as prescribed in the syllabus and it shall be written in either Chinese or English. 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.

Assessment

MCM6 Examinations shall normally be held at the end of each semester.

MCM7 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.

MCM8 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.

MCM9 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.

MCM10 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.

MCM11 A candidate who is unable because of his illness to be present for one or more papers in any written examination may apply for permission to present himself at a supplementary examination to be held before the beginning of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made on the form prescribed within two weeks of the first day of the candidate's absence from the examination.

Examination results

MCM12 At the conclusion of the examination and after presentation of the dissertations, a list of successful candidates shall be published.

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- (a) The Chinese title of the degree shall be “中醫學碩士”
 - (b) The examinations and assessments of the MChinMed curriculum shall normally be conducted in Chinese.
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SYLLABUSES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF CHINESE MEDICINE

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Candidates are required to complete all the compulsory courses as prescribed below. The curriculum will comprise three components: theoretical studies, clinical training and a dissertation. The 390 hours of theoretical studies consist of fundamental courses, professional courses and seminars. For clinical training, candidates should complete 200 hours of clinical practicum to be conducted in Hong Kong and on the Mainland, which will be conducted in phases in the course of study. For the dissertation, candidates will spend 120 hours in preparing and writing the dissertation.

First Year

MCHM6300	Fundamental Theory of Chinese Medicine (30 hours)
MCHM6301	Fundamentals of Diagnosis (45 hours)
MCHM6302	Classic Literature of Chinese Medicine (51 hours)
MCHM6100	Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine (24 hours)
MCHM6303	Medical Statistics (15 hours)
MCHM6304	Introduction of Chinese and Western Medicine in Emergencies and Serious Diseases (21 hours)
MCHM6305	Selected Case Study in Chinese Medicine (30 hours)
MCHM6306	Clinical Practicum in Chinese Internal Medicine, Paediatrics and Gynaecology (100 hours)

Second Year

MCHM6400	Chinese Internal Medicine (72 hours)
MCHM6401	Seminars on Research Progression of Chinese Internal Medicine (42 hours)
MCHM6402	Gynaecology of Chinese Medicine (42 hours)
MCHM6403	Paediatrics of Chinese Medicine (18 hours)
MCHM6404	Advanced Clinical Practicum in Chinese Internal Medicine, Paediatrics and Gynaecology (100 hours)
MCHM6405	Dissertation (120 hours)

MCHM6300. Fundamental Theory of Chinese Medicine (30 hours)

This course reviews and interprets the basic theories, knowledge, concept and terminology of the “Fundamental Theory of Chinese Medicine”. It gives a brief understanding of the source, development and relevant modern research progress of the Chinese Medicine. Topics include “Visceral State Research”, “Health Preservation Research”, “Channels and Collaterals Research”, “Constitutional Research” and “Etiology of Seven Emotions” etc. The course enables students to develop a solid theoretical foundation of Chinese Medicine.

MCHM6301. Fundamentals of Diagnosis (45 hours)

The course introduces Western diagnostic including physical examination, laboratory tests, medical image and the principles to use this knowledge for Chinese Medical diagnosis. It offers the basis for the study of internal medicine and modern research of Chinese Medicine.

MCHM6302. Classic Literature of Chinese Medicine (51 hours)

This course introduces the academic thinking and methodology of traditional Chinese Medicine, with an emphasis on “Canon of Chinese Medicine”, “Treatise on Exogenous Febrile Disease”, “Golden Chamber” and “Seasonal Febrile Diseases” etc. This course aims at enhancing students’ standard of academic theories.

MCHM6100. Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine (24 hours)

This course introduces the general methodologies and directions in research of Chinese Medicine. It includes literature collection, writing reference review, projects design, summaries of clinical experiences, clinical and experimental studies and dissertation writing.

MCHM6303. Medical Statistics (15 hours)

This course introduces the basic principles, techniques of medical statistics and design of clinical experiment. The course content will include analysis of numerical variables and classified variables, matched data analysis, linear correlation and linear regression, non-parametric statistics and cases follow-up data analysis, etc.

MCHM6304. Introduction of Chinese and Western Medicine in Emergencies and Serious Diseases (21 hours)

The objective of this course is to enhance students’ understanding of various emergencies and serious diseases. It will briefly introduce the modern medical concepts, pathogenesis and the principles and measures of emergent treatment of the common emergencies and serious diseases. It will emphasize the study of Chinese Medicine in dealing with the common emergencies and serious diseases, feasible Chinese Medicine principles and treatment, and the dominant advantages of the Chinese Medicine therapy.

MCHM6305. Selected Case Study in Chinese Medicine (30 hours)

This course aims to review a number of previous excellent cases of renowned practitioners by examining and studying clinical experiences, analyzing the mechanism of change of pathological conditions of patients as well as the success and failure of diagnosis and treatments. The writing skills for compiling cases will also be grasped.

MCHM6306. Clinical Practicum in Chinese Internal Medicine, Paediatrics and Gynaecology (100 hours)

The clinical practicum, to be supervised by experienced practitioners/lecturers of Chinese Internal Medicine, will be conducted in Centres for Teaching and Research, School of Chinese Medicine of the University of Hong Kong and Tung Wah Group Hospitals – the University of Hong Kong. It aims to familiarize students with the diagnosis and clinical therapy of common diseases.

MCHM6400. Chinese Internal Medicine (72 hours)

This course deals with the basic theories and development of Chinese Medicine in the treatment of diseases of different systems of the body. It enables students to have sound knowledge of Chinese medicine and modern medicine in the physical examination, laboratory examination and treatment; it aims to enhance the theoretical knowledge and clinical practice of students in managing common internal diseases and difficult diseases.

The course will include a general introduction of Chinese Internal Medicine, digestive disorders, respiratory disease, encephalo-heart disease, nephropathy, endocrine disease, cancer and hematopathy etc.

MCHM6401. Seminars on Research Progression of Chinese Internal Medicine (42 hours)

Topics regarding clinical experiences, progression and achievements of modern research in different types of specialists and special disease will be delivered by professionals and experts who have substantial clinical and research experience in Chinese Internal Medicine with a view to enhancing the clinical standard and the knowledge on the progression of latest scientific research of the Chinese Medicine Practitioners.

MCHM6402. Gynaecology of Chinese Medicine (42 hours)

This course will discuss the Chinese and Western treatment and research progress of menstrual disorders, endometriosis, pelvic inflammatory disease, perimenopause syndrome, gynaecological malignancy, puerperal disorders, infertility osteoporosis etc. It enables students to grasp the traditional theory as well as the modern research progress in the treatment of complicated gynaecological disease.

MCHM6403. Paediatrics of Chinese Medicine (18 hours)

This course deals with the health care of children, the diagnosis and treatment of children disorders such as cough, asthma, diarrhea, malnutrition, convulsion, rickets etc.

MCHM6404. Advanced Clinical Practicum in Chinese Internal Medicine, Paediatrics and Gynaecology (100 hours)

After completion of the theoretical curriculum in Chinese Internal Medicine, students are required to undertake the specialist clinical practicum in affiliated hospitals of the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Guangzhou University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. The specialized clinical practicum mainly focuses on internal medicine and specialized subjects. Students could acquire in-depth knowledge on the treatments of some special diseases by Chinese medicine through practicum.

MCHM6405. Dissertation (120 hours)

Under the guidance of supervisors, students are required to submit a dissertation through the undertaking of literature review, collection of data and information, reports on the selected topics, analysis of dissertation topics, discussion of report and topic and oral examination.

Dissertation

The title of dissertation shall be submitted for approval by not later than March 31 of the final academic year in which the teaching programme ends and the dissertation shall be submitted not later than July 31.