

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

*These regulations are applicable to candidates admitted in the academic year 2016-17 and thereafter*

*(See also General Regulations and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula)*

The degree of Master of Chinese Medicine is a postgraduate degree awarded for the satisfactory completion of the curriculum of 2 academic years or equivalent in the field of Internal Medicine in the School of Chinese Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, on a part-time basis.

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.

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### **Admission requirements**

**MCM1(a)** To be eligible for admission to the curriculum leading to the degree of Master of Chinese Medicine, a candidate shall:

- (i) comply with the General Regulations but with a waiver of Regulation G2(b);
- (ii) comply with the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula but with a waiver of Regulation TPG2(b); and
- (iii) hold the degree of Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine/Bachelor of Chinese Medicine of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from another University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; or a Bachelor's degree in medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy or another healthcare related programme and a diploma in Chinese Medicine from a University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose.

**MCM1(b)** 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 the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong;
- (ii) holds a diploma in Chinese Medicine from a University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; and
- (iii) has a minimum of five years' work experience in clinics of Chinese Medicine and is able to produce evidence in support thereof.

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### **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;
  - (b) comply with the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula; and
  - (c) complete the curriculum requirements and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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## **Period of study**

**MCM3** The curriculum shall normally extend over two academic years of part-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of three academic years of part-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

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## **Completion of curriculum**

- MCM4** To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall
- (a) satisfy the requirements prescribed in TPG 6 of the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
  - (b) take not less than 72 credits in the manner specified in these regulations and the syllabuses, and follow the instructions in the syllabuses prescribed for the curriculum and complete satisfactorily all required written, practical or clinical work;
  - (c) satisfy the examiners in the courses by continuous assessments and/or written examinations;
  - (d) complete the capstone experience satisfactorily, including all practical and clinical work for the prescribed practical course and clinical attachment; and
  - (e) complete a satisfactory dissertation on a subject approved by the Board of Studies and pass an oral examination on the dissertation itself.

A candidate who fails to fulfill the requirements within the prescribed maximum period of registration shall be recommended for discontinuation under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

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## Dissertation

**MCM5** The title of the dissertation shall be submitted for approval by a date as prescribed in the syllabuses. The dissertation, which shall be written in either Chinese or English, shall be presented by a date as prescribed in the syllabuses and be examined with an oral examination. The candidate shall submit a statement that the dissertation represents his/her own work (or in the case of conjoint work, a statement countersigned by his/her co-worker, which shows his/her share of the work) undertaken after registration as a candidate for the degree.

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## Assessment

**MCM6** Examinations shall normally be held upon completion of the course, where applicable.

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**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 attachment shall be assessed based on case reports and performance in the attachment.

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**MCM8** A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in any form of assessment/examination may be permitted to present himself/herself for re-assessment/ re-examination at a time specified by the Board of Examiners, or he/she may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

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**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.

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**MCM10** A candidate who has failed to present a satisfactory dissertation and oral examination may be permitted to submit a revised dissertation and re-sit the oral examination within a specified period, or he/she may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

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## Grading system

**MCM11** Individual courses (except clinical attachment) shall be graded according to the following grade points system:

Grade	Standard	Grade Point
A+	Excellent	4.3
A		4.0
A-		3.7
B+	Good	3.3
B		3.0
B-		2.7
C+	Satisfactory	2.3
C		2.0
C-		1.7
D+	Pass	1.3
D		1.0
F	Fail	0

**The clinical attachment shall be graded as “Pass” or “Fail” and shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA.**

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**Classification of awards**

**MCM12** On successful completion of the curriculum, candidates who have shown exceptional merit may be awarded a mark of distinction as determined by the Board of Examiners, and this mark shall be recorded in the candidates’ degree diploma.

**MCM13** The Chinese title of the degree shall be “中醫學碩士” .

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**SYLLABUSES FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF CHINESE MEDICINE  
(MChinMed)**

**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

Candidates are required to complete a minimum of 72 credits curriculum requirement in the prescribed sequence for the MChinMed curriculum, which consists of theoretical courses and capstone experience (including clinical attachment and dissertation), as set out below:

Curriculum structure	Credit Units
Theoretical courses	
(a) Theoretical knowledge	12
(b) Research knowledge	6
(c) Clinical knowledge for diagnosis of different common diseases	18
(d) Progress of modern research in Internal Medicine of Chinese Medicine	3
Capstone experience	
- Advanced Clinical Attachment	12
-Dissertation	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>

The clinical attachment may be taken in blocks during any designated time assigned for such purpose within the candidates' period of registration.

The mode of assessment for courses (except for MCHM6305 and MCHM7301 which are assessed by 100% written and practical examination, where appropriate) comprises continuous assessments (20%-100%) and written examinations (0%-80%). Candidates are also required to undertake clinical attachment, submit a dissertation and undertake an oral examination to the satisfaction of the examiner(s).

**First Year**

MCHM6300	Fundamental Theory of Chinese Medicine (3 credits)
MCHM6301	Fundamentals of Diagnosis (3 credits)
MCHM6302	Classical Literature of Chinese Medicine (6 credits)
MCHM6100	Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine (3 credits)
MCHM6303	Medical Statistics (3 credits)
MCHM6305	Selected Case Study in Chinese Medicine (3 credits)

## **Second Year**

- MCHM7301 Internal Medicine of Chinese Medicine and Study of Emergencies and Serious Diseases (9 credits)
- MCHM6401 Seminars on Research Progression of Internal Medicine of Chinese Medicine (3 credits)
- MCHM7401 Study of Gynaecology and Paediatrics of Chinese Medicine (6 credits)
- MCHM7402 Advanced Clinical Attachment (12 credits)
- MCHM6405 Dissertation (21 credits)

### **MCHM6300. Fundamental Theory of Chinese Medicine (3 credits)**

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.

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### **MCHM6301. Fundamentals of Diagnosis (3 credits)**

The course introduces Western diagnostic means 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.

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### **MCHM6302. Classical Literature of Chinese Medicine (6 credits)**

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.

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### **MCHM6100. Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine (3 credits)**

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.

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### **MCHM6303. Medical Statistics (3 credits)**

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.

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### **MCHM6305. Selected Case Study in Chinese Medicine (3 credits)**

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.

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### **MCHM7301. Internal Medicine of Chinese Medicine and Study of Emergencies and Serious Diseases (9 credits)**

This course covers two aspects, namely the basic theories and development of Chinese Medicine in the treatment of diseases of different systems of the body and several emergencies and serious illnesses from the perspective of Chinese Medicine discipline.

Regarding the treatment of diseases of different systems of the body, students will acquire knowledge of Chinese medicine and modern medicine in the physical examination, laboratory examination and treatment; it aims to enhance the theoretical knowledge and clinical skills of students in managing common internal diseases and difficult diseases. It will include a general introduction of Internal Medicine of Chinese Medicine, digestive disorders, respiratory disease, encephalo-heart disease, nephropathy, endocrine disease, cancer and hematopathy, etc.

As for the study on several emergencies and serious diseases, it explores several common, recurrent and serious diseases from the perspective of Chinese Medicine discipline, introduces the latest progress, principles adopted and prescription used in the Chinese Medicine therapeutic treatment, latest standards adopted in the Western medicine diagnosis as well as the execution and practice of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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### **MCHM6401. Seminars on Research Progression of Internal Medicine of Chinese Medicine (3 credits)**

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

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### **MCHM7401. Study of Gynaecology and Paediatrics of Chinese Medicine (6 credits)**

This course covers two aspects, namely Gynaecology and Paediatrics of Chinese Medicine.

For gynaecology, it covers 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 diseases.

For paediatrics, it focuses on three common children disorders, namely asthma, convulsion and nephrotic syndrome with respect to the Chinese Medicine therapeutic treatment with special characteristics, the latest progress in diagnosis and treatment used as well as techniques adopted by

past renowned experts in the prescription of Chinese Medicines.

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**MCHM7402. Advanced Clinical Attachment (12 credits)**

The clinical attachment will be conducted in well-established clinical settings and/or any other designated sites as arranged by the School of Chinese Medicine of The University of Hong Kong. It is expected that students could acquire an in-depth knowledge on the diagnosis and clinical therapy of common diseases.

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**MCHM6405. Dissertation (21 credits)**

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. The title of dissertation shall be submitted for approval by not later than February 28 of the final academic year and the dissertation shall be submitted not later than June 30.

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