

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
School of Chinese Medicine
Master of Chinese Medicine (MChinMed) (part-time)
***Streams offered: Oncology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion**
(for 2024/25 admission)

A. Programme Overview

To align with the Government’s pragmatic approach in promoting the development of Chinese Medicine, especially when the first public-funded Chinese medicine hospital shall tentatively commence service in 2025, it is essential to introduce specialized training of specific streams in postgraduate studies of Chinese Medicine so as to sustain its development in the long-run. In this connection, the School has launched the new MChinMed programme since 2019/20 under which different streams of specialty are offered, i.e. Oncology*/Gynaecology/Acupuncture and Moxibustion* (*open for 2024/25 admission).

The curriculum shall normally extend over **two academic years of part-time studies** and it shall tentatively commence by September/October 2024. It bears a total of 69 credits regardless of streams, and it offers two pathways, namely *project-based* and *practice-based* aiming to offer students with a higher degree of flexibility and cater for different students’ needs. The structure of the new curriculum is summarized below:

Year 1 (33 credits)	<u>Common courses (21 credits)</u>	
	Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine (3 credits) Evidence-based Medicine (3 credits) Classical Literature of Chinese Medicine (9 credits) Seminars on Progress of Modern Research of Chinese Medicine (6 credits)	
	<u>Core courses of chosen stream (12 credits)</u>	
Year 2 (36 credits)	<u>Common courses (12 credits)</u>	
	Clinical Attachment of chosen stream (6 credits) Advanced Clinical Attachment of chosen stream-I (6 credits)	
	<u>Project-based</u>	<u>Practice-based</u>
	- Individual Project (24 credits)	- Advanced Clinical Attachment of chosen stream-II (18 credits) - Clinical Report (6 credits)
Total	69 credits	

B. Eligibility

To be eligible for admission to the curriculum leading to the degree of Master of Chinese Medicine (*regardless of the streams*), 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(d); 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 recognized Bachelor’s degree in medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy or other healthcare related programme and a recognized diploma in Chinese Medicine from a university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose (*for candidates opting for the stream of Oncology/Gynaecology*); or
- (iv) hold the degree of Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine or 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 recognized Bachelor’s degree in medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy or other healthcare related programme and a recognized diploma in acupuncture from a university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose (*for candidates opting for the stream of Acupuncture and Moxibustion*).

C. Programme learning outcomes

After completion of the programme in different streams, students should be able to:

- demonstrate competence in clinical diagnosis in terms of interpretation of diagnosis results, adoption of different effective means and prescription of different herbal medicines for treating serious illnesses of different streams of Oncology/Gynaecology; and master the latest knowledge, skills and research methodologies in the profession of Acupuncture and Moxibustion;
- demonstrate the capacity in interpreting classical literatures effectively and apply the essence of diagnosis of illnesses in different streams; keep abreast of the research development of the discipline;
- demonstrate independent thinking and innovative ability, and be capable of raising constructive academic queries;
- conduct research on leading-edge topics and contribute to the betterment of healthcare in the respective stream by enhancing the effectiveness of applying different therapeutic methods of Chinese Medicine;
- demonstrate an advanced understanding and extensive knowledge in the field of acupuncture and technical skills, integrate these knowledge with modern scientific skills and enhance one's clinical diagnostic capability;
- be highly competent in prescribing effective treatment for different diseases or illnesses from the perspective of Chinese Medicine, including prescription of Chinese herbal drugs and applying other means such as acupuncture and moxibustion where appropriate;
- demonstrate effective problem-solving skills to tackle clinical difficulties in different streams from the perspective of Chinese Medicine;
- adopt an integrated approach of Chinese and Western Medicine in diagnosis and medical treatment where appropriate;
- communicate effectively with patients and other healthcare workers in a professional manner
- disseminate correct healthcare information related to specific illnesses to the general public;
- uphold professional ethics and integrity as a professional Chinese Medicine practitioner/acupuncturist; and
- assume a leadership role in the respective stream of Chinese Medicine.

D. The Curriculum (2024/25 intake)

Curriculum structure	Credit Units
Theoretical courses	27
Seminars	6
Capstone experience	
- Clinical Attachment-I	6
- Advanced Clinical Attachment-I	6
- Individual Project (<i>project-based</i>); or	24
- Advanced Clinical Attachment-II & Clinical Report (<i>practice-based</i>)	
Total number of credits	69

E. Course assessment and medium of instruction

Appropriate assessments, including examination(s) and/or other coursework, will be arranged at the end of each course. The majority of the courses is taught by Cantonese/Mandarin, but some courses and materials may be delivered in English. Applicants should be proficient in written and spoken Chinese, and English as well.

F. Application for Admission

Applications are to be submitted via the online application system at <https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/programme/master-chinese-medicine> (**only online applications are accepted**)

The closing date for applications is **12 noon (GMT+8), April 3, 2024**.

For more details of our programme, please visit our School's website (www.scm.hku.hk) which would be updated regularly.

G. Selection process and notification of results

Shortlisted candidates may be invited to interview and sit for any other selection test(s) (if applicable). The application results would be announced in batches by April-June 2024* *tentatively* (*exact schedule may vary).

H. Tuition fees (*exclusive of necessary costs incurred in clinical attachment, if any*)

Tuition Fees (2024/25 rates): Part-time: HK\$73,500 per year
(To be paid in two installments in each year)
Application fee is **NOT** refundable

I. Conferment of degree

On successful completion of the curriculum, including the completion of assessment(s)/examination(s) to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners, the degree to be conferred is "Master of Chinese Medicine" (中醫學碩士).

J. Enquiries

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