REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF CHINESE MEDICINE

These regulations are applicable to candidates admitted in the academic year 2022-23 and thereafter.

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

The degree of Master of Chinese Medicine [中醫學碩士] is a postgraduate degree awarded for the satisfactory completion of the curriculum of 2 academic years or equivalent 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.

Admission requirements

MCM1 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(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 Oncology or 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 Acupuncture and Moxibustion*).

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.

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.

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 69 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 a satisfactory individual project or clinical report as approved by the Board of Studies.

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.

Title and submission of Individual Project

MCM5 The title of the Project shall be submitted for approval by a date as prescribed in the syllabuses. The project, which may be written in either Chinese or English (subject to the approval of supervisor and Board of Studies), shall be presented by a date as prescribed in the syllabuses. The candidate shall submit a statement that the project 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. The students may be subject to an oral examination.

Assessment

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

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.

Re-assessment

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 repeat the course as prescribed by the Board of

Examiners.

MCM9 A candidate who is unable, because of his/her illness, to be present for any part of an examination may be permitted to present himself/herself at the supplementary examination of the relevant course(s). The application should be made in writing to the Board of Examiners within two weeks of the first day of absence from the examination. The supplementary examination shall normally take place by a specified date not less than one month after the approval of the Board of Examiners.

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 individual project/clinical report at the first attempt may be permitted to submit a revised project/report and re-present it within a specified period, or he/she may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

MCM12 The examinations and assessments of the MChinMed curriculum shall normally be conducted in Chinese.

Discontinuation

MCM13 Unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty, candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies, if they have:

(a) failed to satisfy the examiners upon re-assessment of a course or individual project/clinical report; or

(b) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in Regulation MCM3.

Grading system

MCM14 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.

Classification of awards

MCM15 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.

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

The degree of Master of Chinese Medicine (MChinMed) is a postgraduate degree awarded for the satisfactory completion of a prescribed programme in one of the following streams:

I. Oncology

Candidates are required to complete a minimum of 69 credits in the prescribed sequence for this stream, which consists of theoretical courses, seminars and capstone experience as set out below:

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<tr><th>Curriculum structure</th><th colspan="2">Credit Units</th></tr>
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(a) Theoretical and research knowledge
-MCHM6100 Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine* (3 credits)
-MCHM6501 Evidence-based Medicine* (3 credits)
-MCHM6302 Classical Literature of Chinese Medicine* (9 credits)
(b) Clinical knowledge for diagnosis of different common diseases
-MCHM6601 Introduction to Oncology for Chinese Medicine Practitioners# (3 credits)
-MCHM6602 Study of Oncology in Chinese Medicine# (9 credits)</td><td colspan="2">15*
12#</td></tr>
<tr><td>Seminars
(c) Progress of modern research in different disciplines
-MCHM6502 Seminars on Progress of Modern Research of Chinese Medicine* (6 credits)</td><td colspan="2">6*</td></tr>
<tr><td>Capstone experience
(d) MCHM6603 Clinical Attachment in Oncology (6 credits)
(e) MCHM6604 Advanced Clinical Attachment in Oncology- I (6 credits)</td><td colspan="2">12*</td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Option A (project-based)</u>
(f) MCHM6901 Individual Project (24 credits)</td><td><u>Option B (practice-based)</u>
(f) MCHM6605 Advanced Clinical Attachment in Oncology-II (18 credits)
(g) MCHM6902 Clinical Report (6 credits)</td><td>24</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Total</td><td>69</td></tr>
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**Common courses to be attended by two streams of students, i.e. Oncology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion.*

#Some sessions of those core courses are to be attended by students of both streams of Oncology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion (equivalent to 3 credits). As such, the total number of "common" credits to be taken by two streams of students is 24 credits.

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

The mode of assessment for courses (except for MCHM6302, MCHM6601 and MCHM6602 which are assessed by 100% written examination) comprises continuous assessments (30%-100%) and written examinations (0%-70%). For those "shared sessions" of designated courses, students would be assessed by assignment(s) on designated topic(s) and the weighting of the assignment(s) would be proportionate to the number of "shared" sessions of the respective course. Candidates are also required to undertake clinical attachment, submit an Individual Project or Clinical Report (subject to the option selected by students) to the satisfaction of the examiner(s).

II. Gynaecology

Candidates are required to complete a minimum of 69 credits in the prescribed sequence for this stream, which consists of theoretical courses, seminars and capstone experience as set out below:

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(b) Clinical knowledge for diagnosis of different common diseases
-MCHM6701 Theoretical Studies of Classical Gynaecology and Applications of Medical Examination# (3 credits)
-MCHM6702 Clinical Diagnosis for Gynaecology # (6 credits)
-MCHM6703 Distinctive Therapies for Gynaecological Illnesses by Chinese and Western Medicine # (3 credits)</td><td>15*
12#</td></tr>
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-MCHM6502 Seminars on Progress of Modern Research of Chinese Medicine* (6 credits)</td><td>6*</td></tr>
<tr><td>Capstone experience
(d) MCHM6704 Clinical Attachment in Gynaecology (6 credits)
(e) MCHM6705 Advanced Clinical Attachment in Gynaecology-I (6 credits)</td><td>12*</td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Option A (project-based)</u>
(f) MCHM6901 Individual Project (24 credits)</td><td><u>Option B (practice-based)</u>
(f) MCHM6706 Advanced clinical attachment in Gynaecology-II (18 credits)
(g) MCHM6902 Clinical Report (6 credits)</td><td>24</td></tr>
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**Common courses to be attended by two streams of students, i.e. Gynaecology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion.*

 # Some sessions of those core courses are to be attended by students of both streams of Gynaecology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion (equivalent to 3 credits). As such, the total number of "common" credits to be taken by two streams of students is 24 credits.

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

The mode of assessment for courses (except for MCHM6302 which is assessed by 100% written examination) comprises continuous assessments (30%-100%) and written examinations (0%-70%). For those "shared sessions" of designated courses, students would be assessed by assignment(s) on designated topic(s) and the weighting of the assignment(s) would be proportionate to the number of "shared" sessions of the respective course. Candidates are also required to undertake clinical attachments, submit an Individual Project or Clinical Report (subject to the option selected by students) to the satisfaction of the examiner(s).

III. Acupuncture and Moxibustion

Candidates are required to complete a minimum of 69 credits in the prescribed sequence for this stream, which consists of theoretical courses, seminars and capstone experience as set out below:

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-MCHM6302 Classical Literature of Chinese Medicine* (9 credits)
(b) Clinical knowledge for diagnosis of different common diseases
-MCHM6102 Biomedical Courses Allied to Acupuncture# (3 credits)
- MCHM6103 Manipulative Techniques in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (3 credits)
-MCMH6104 Therapeutics in Acupuncture and Moxibustion# (6 credits)</td><td>15*
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-MCHM6502 Seminars on Progress of Modern Research of Chinese Medicine* (6 credits)</td><td>6</td></tr>
<tr><td>Capstone experience
(d) MCHM6801 Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture (6 credits)
(e) MCHM7201 Advanced Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture-I (6 credits)</td><td>12</td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Option A (project-based)</u>
(f) MCHM6901 Individual Project (24 credits)</td><td><u>Option B (practice-based)</u>
(f) MCHM6802 Advanced clinical attachment in Acupuncture-II (18 credits)
(g) MCHM6902 Clinical Report (6 credits)</td><td>24</td></tr>
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**Common courses to be attended by two streams of students, i.e. Oncology/Gynaecology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion.*

#Some sessions of those core courses are to be attended by students of both streams of Oncology/Gynaecology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion (equivalent to 3 credits). As such, the total number of "common" credits to be taken by two streams of students is 24 credits.

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

The mode of assessment for courses (except for MCHM6302 which is assessed by 100% written examination) comprises continuous assessments (30%-100%) and written examinations (0%-70%). For those "shared sessions" of designated courses, students would be assessed by assignment(s) on designated topic(s) and the weighting of the assignment(s) would be proportionate to the number of "shared" sessions of the respective course. Candidates are also required to undertake clinical attachments, submit an Individual Project or Clinical Report (subject to the option selected by students) to the satisfaction of the examiner(s).

First Year

<u>Common courses for three streams</u>

MCHM6100	Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine	(3 credits)
MCHM6501	Evidence-based Medicine	(3 credits)
MCHM6302	Classical Literature of Chinese Medicine	(9 credits)
MCHM6502	Seminars on Progress of Modern Research of Chinese Medicine	(6 credits)

First Year (core courses under different streams)

I. Oncology

MCHM6601	Introduction to Oncology for Chinese Medicine Practitioners	(3 credits)
MCHM6602	Study of Oncology in Chinese Medicine	(9 credits)

Option A *(project-based)*

Second Year

MCHM6603	Clinical Attachment in Oncology	(6 credits)
MCHM6604	Advanced Clinical Attachment in Oncology- I	(6 credits)
MCHM6901	Individual Project	(24 credits)

Option B *(practice-based)*

Second Year

MCHM6603	Clinical Attachment in Oncology	(6 credits)
MCHM6604	Advanced Clinical Attachment in Oncology- I	(6 credits)
MCHM6605	Advanced Clinical Attachment in Oncology-II	(18 credits)
MCHM6902	Clinical Report	(6 credits)

II. Gynaecology

MCHM6701	Theoretical Studies of Classical Gynaecology and Applications of Medical Examination	(3 credits)
MCHM6702	Clinical Diagnosis for Gynaecology	(6 credits)
MCHM6703	Distinctive Therapies for Gynaecological Illnesses by Chinese and Western Medicine	(3 credits)

Option A *(project-based)*

Second Year

MCHM6704	Clinical Attachment in Gynaecology	(6 credits)
MCHM6705	Advanced Clinical Attachment in Gynaecology-I	(6 credits)
MCHM6901	Individual Project	(24 credits)

Option B *(practice-based)*

Second Year

MCHM6704	Clinical Attachment in Gynaecology	(6 credits)
MCHM6705	Advanced Clinical Attachment in Gynaecology- I	(6 credits)
MCHM6706	Advanced Clinical Attachment in Gynaecology-II	(18 credits)
MCHM6902	Clinical Report	(6 credits)

III. Acupuncture and Moxibustion

MCHM6102	Biomedical Courses Allied to Acupuncture	(3 credits)
MCHM6103	Manipulative Techniques in Acupuncture and Moxibustion	(3 credits)
MCMH6104	Therapeutics in Acupuncture and Moxibustion	(6 credits)

Option A *(project-based)*

Second Year

MCHM6801	Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture	(6 credits)
MCHM7201	Advanced Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture-I	(6 credits)
MCHM6901	Individual Project	(24 credits)

Option B *(practice-based)*

Second Year

MCHM6801	Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture	(6 credits)

MCHM7201	Advanced Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture-I	(6 credits)
MCHM6802	Advanced Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture-II	(18 credits)
MCHM6902	Clinical Report	(6 credits)

Remarks: The actual sequence of the courses may be subject to change

Common courses (for all streams)

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 writing of individual project/clinical report.

MCHM6501. Evidence-based Medicine (3 credits)

This course equips students with the key concepts and scientific values of the "evidence-based medicine" as to enable them to apply the concepts for assessing the therapeutic effects of Chinese Medicines and its safety assessment in order to make the appropriate recommendations to patients.

MCHM6302 Classical Literature of Chinese Medicine (9 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.

MCHM6502 Seminars on Progress of Modern Research of Chinese Medicine (6 credits)

Topics regarding clinical experiences, progression and achievements of modern research in different disciplines of Chinese Medicine would be delivered by professionals and experts who have substantial clinical and research experience in the respective field with a view to enhance the clinical standard and the knowledge on the progression of latest scientific research in the field.

Core courses-Oncology

MCHM6601[#] Introduction to Oncology for Chinese Medicine Practitioners (3 credits)
(*[#]some of the sessions are to be attended by students of both streams of Oncology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion)*

This course provides students with an overview of the modern diagnostic approach adopted in Western Medicine discipline, including the theories, means, acupuncture points and practical applications for treating illnesses related to Oncology. Coupled with the results obtained by medical diagnostic tests, the efficacy of adopting Chinese Medicine treatment may be enhanced. There would also be inspection of specimen and study of common acupoints from the anatomical perspective.

MCHM6602[#] Study of Oncology in Chinese Medicine (9 credits)
(*[#]some of the sessions are to be attended by students of both streams of Oncology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion*)

This course equips students with the traditional theories, means of treatment, special characteristics in the medical prescription and modern research progress for the treatment of illnesses related to Oncology. It also covers how acupuncture and moxibustion could be applied in relieving the pain, other unfavourable side effects such as vomiting, depression, etc., which are common among cancer patients who have received radiotherapy/chemotherapy treatment and post-treatment care.

MCHM6603 Clinical Attachment in Oncology (6 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of both options A (project-based) and B (practice-based)]***

The clinical attachment, to be supervised by experienced practitioners/lecturers of Chinese Medicine, will be conducted mainly in local centres for Teaching and Research, School of Chinese Medicine of the University of Hong Kong. It aims to familiarize students with the diagnosis and clinical therapy of common illnesses related to Oncology.

MCHM6604 Advanced Clinical Attachment in Oncology-I (6 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of both options A (project-based) and B (practice-based)]***

Further to the completion of local clinical attachment in Oncology, this advanced clinical attachment provides the opportunity for students to strengthen their clinical skills at the designated clinical sites on the mainland. The attachment would be conducted in well-established clinical or hospital settings 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 illnesses related to Oncology.

MCHM6605 Advanced Clinical Attachment in Oncology-II (18 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of option B (practice-based)]***

This advanced clinical attachment, through prolonged period of training, provides the opportunity for students to acquire hands-on skills in treating specific illnesses related to Oncology at the designated clinical sites on the mainland. Students are also able to participate, under the supervision of experienced practitioners, in the complete medical diagnosis of a relatively large number of medical cases of specific illnesses, particularly some complicated cases, interaction with patients and observe the effectiveness of medical treatment.

MCHM6901 Individual Project (24 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of option A (project-based)]***

Under the guidance of supervisors, students are required to submit a project on topics related to pre-selected specific type(s) of illnesses or designated topics as approved by the Board of Studies. They are required to conduct a comprehensive analysis, covering symptoms identification mechanism, medical diagnosis, medical prescription and treatment. Other than classical literature, latest findings of research or developments and students' own insights may be included as appropriate. The title of project shall be submitted for approval by not later than February 25 of the final academic year and the project shall be submitted not later than June 15 of the same academic year.

MCHM6902 Clinical Report (6 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of option B (practice-based)]***

The overall report comprises a comprehensive summary of weekly clinical reports based on the clinical cases that students have encountered during the advanced clinical attachment. Students are required to conduct comprehensive evaluation on different aspects of specific illnesses such as identification of symptoms, means of treatment, therapeutic effectiveness of medical prescription, illness prevention, etc.

Core courses-Gynaecology

MCHM6701[#]. Theoretical Studies of Classical Gynaecology and Applications of Medical Examination (3 credits)
(*[#]some of the sessions are to be attended by students of both streams of Gynaecology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion*)

This course aims to provide students with a systematic understanding in the classical theoretical studies, insights and diagnostic skills for treating gynaecological illnesses in Chinese Medicine discipline. Various modern diagnostic tests, some acupuncture points and medical examinations as well as their applications would be covered so that students would be capable to enhance the therapeutic efficacies of Chinese Medicines with the use of the examination/test results and applying acupuncture and moxibustion where appropriate.

MCHM6702[#]. Clinical Diagnosis for Gynaecology (6 credits)
(*[#]some of the sessions are to be attended by students of both streams of Gynaecology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion*)

This course aims to equip students with an up-to-date modern diagnostic skills/techniques for treating common and complicated gynaecological illnesses, including the latest research development, those illnesses for which Chinese Medicines therapeutic approach is advantageous and distinctive characteristics in the medical prescription. Distinguished classical texts of different schools of thought would also be covered. The application for acupuncture and moxibustion in treating some gynaecological illnesses such as menstrual disorder and infertility would also be covered.

MCHM6703[#]. Distinctive Therapies for Gynaecological Illnesses by Chinese and Western Medicine (3 credits)
(*[#]some of the sessions are to be attended by students of both streams of Gynaecology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion*)

This course aims to demonstrate the comparative advantage of adopting an integrative approach of both Chinese and Western Medicines in the treatment of selected common and complicated gynaecological illnesses. The application for acupuncture and moxibustion in treating illnesses related to menopause and abdominal pain would also be covered.

MCHM6704 Clinical Attachment in Gynaecology (6 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of both options A (project-based) and B (practice-based)]***

The clinical attachment, to be supervised by experienced practitioners/lecturers of Chinese Medicine, will be conducted mainly in Centres for Teaching and Research, School of Chinese Medicine of the University

of Hong Kong. It aims to familiarize students with the diagnosis and clinical therapy of common gynaecological illnesses using the integrative approach of both Chinese and Western Medicines.

MCHM6705 Advanced Clinical Attachment in Gynaecology-I (6 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of both options A (project-based) and B (practice-based)]***

Further to the completion of local clinical attachment in Gynaecology, this advanced clinical attachment provides the opportunity for students to strengthen their clinical skills at the designated clinical sites on the mainland. The attachment would be conducted in well-established clinical or hospital settings 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 illnesses related to Gynaecology.

MCHM6706 Advanced Clinical Attachment in Gynaecology-II (18 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of option B (practice-based)]***

This advanced clinical attachment, through prolonged period of training, provides the opportunity for students to acquire hands-on skills in treating specific illnesses related to Gynaecology at the designated clinical sites on the mainland. Students are also able to participate, under the supervision of experienced practitioners, in the complete medical diagnosis of a relatively large number of medical cases of specific illnesses, particularly some complicated cases, interaction with patients and observe the effectiveness of medical treatment.

MCHM6901. Individual Project (24 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of option A (project- based)]***

Under the guidance of supervisors, students are required to submit a project on topics related to pre-selected specific type(s) of illnesses or designated topics as approved by the Board of Studies. They are required to conduct a comprehensive analysis, covering symptoms identification mechanism, medical diagnosis, medical prescription and treatment. Other than classical literature, latest findings of research or developments and students' own insights may be included as appropriate. The title of project shall be submitted for approval by not later than February 25 of the final academic year and the project shall be submitted not later than June 15 of the same academic year.

MCHM6902. Clinical Report (6 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of option B (practice-based)]***

The overall report comprises a comprehensive summary of weekly clinical reports based on the clinical cases that students have encountered during the advanced clinical attachment. Students are required to conduct comprehensive evaluation on different aspects of specific illnesses, such as identification of symptoms, means of treatment, therapeutic effectiveness of medical prescription, illness prevention, etc.

Core courses- Acupuncture and Moxibustion

MCHM6102[#]. Biomedical Courses Allied to Acupuncture (3 credits)
(*[#]some of the sessions are to be attended by students of both streams of Oncology/Gynaecology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion*)

This course provides coverage of the essential topics such as neurochemistry in terms of biochemical basis of neural functions; brain substrates and metabolites; chemical nature of neural transmission in biomedical sciences which are cognate to the pursuit of research in acupuncture as to equip students with the modern knowledge in the safety, role and mechanism of the use of acupuncture.

MCHM6103. Manipulative Techniques in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (3 credits)

This course aims at studying the manipulative techniques in clinical acupuncture, including the techniques in meridian - pricking therapy, the classical acupuncture techniques for filiform needles, abdominal, wrist and ankle acupuncture, classical acupuncture, the midnight-moon ebb-flow doctrine and related safety issue.

MCHM6104[#]. Therapeutics in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (6 credits)
(*[#]some of the sessions are to be attended by students of both streams of Oncology/Gynaecology and Acupuncture and Moxibustion*)

This is a course in clinical acupuncture aiming at studying the management of common and severe diseases with acupuncture. Some of the topics covered include the study of pain related to cancers, the potential favourable therapeutic effects of acupuncture and moxibustion in relieving the side effects such as vomiting, depression, insomnia, etc among patients who have received chemotherapy/radiography treatment and post-treatment care. The application for acupuncture and moxibustion in treating illnesses related to menopause and abdominal pain would also be covered.

MCHM6801. Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture (6 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of both options A (project-based) and B (practice-based)]***

The clinical attachment, to be supervised by experienced practitioners/lecturers of Chinese Medicine, will be conducted mainly in Centres for Teaching and Research, School of Chinese Medicine of the University of Hong Kong.

MCHM7201. Advanced Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture-I (6 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of both options A (project-based) and B (practice-based)]***

Upon the completion of clinical attachment in Acupuncture, this advanced clinical attachment provides the opportunity for students to strengthen their clinical skills at the designated clinical sites. The attachment will be conducted in well-established clinical or hospital settings 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 illnesses for which acupuncture has an advantageous effect.

MCHM6802 Advanced Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture-II (18 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of option B (practice-based)]***

This advanced clinical attachment, through the prolonged period of clinical training, provides the opportunity for students to acquire hands-on skills in treating specific illnesses for which acupuncture has an advantageous effect at the designated clinical sites on the mainland. Students are also able to participate, under the supervision of experienced practitioners, in the medical diagnosis of a relatively large number of medical cases, particularly some complicated cases of specific illnesses, interaction with patients and observe the effectiveness of medical treatment.

MCHM6901. Individual Project (24 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of option A (project-based)]***

Under the guidance of supervisors, students are required to submit a project on topics related to pre-selected specific type(s) of illnesses which have been encountered during the clinical attachment. They are required to conduct a comprehensive analysis, covering symptoms identification mechanism, medical diagnosis, medical prescription and treatment. Other than classical literature, latest findings of research or developments and students' own insights may be included as appropriate. The title of project shall be submitted for approval by not later than February 25 of the final academic year and the project shall be submitted not later than June 15 of the same academic year.

MCHM6902. Clinical Report (6 credits) (Capstone experience) ***[for students of option B (practice-based)]***

The overall report comprises a comprehensive summary of weekly clinical reports based on the clinical cases that students have encountered during the advanced clinical attachment. Students are required to conduct comprehensive evaluation on different aspects of specific illnesses such as identification of symptoms, means of treatment, therapeutic effectiveness of medical prescription, illness prevention, etc.