

# ACUPUNCTURE

**Program:** ACPT

**Credential:** Ontario College Advanced Diploma

**Delivery:** Full-time

**Work Integrated Learning:** 6 Clinical Placements

**Length:** 6 Semesters

**Duration:** 3 Years

**Effective:** Fall 2018

**Location:** Barrie

## Description

The Acupuncture diploma program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the entry-level standards of practice set by the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario (CTCMPAO). This program provides in-depth theoretical and clinical components of Acupuncture. Students benefit from expert clinical training that combines integrative healthcare models with Traditional Chinese Medicine, providing graduates with the necessary skills to practice as a regulated healthcare professional.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Acupuncture program may be employed in fertility clinics, doctors' offices, physiotherapy clinics, naturopathic clinics, massage therapy clinics or chiropractic offices. As well, graduates often choose to open their own clinic space thus becoming self-employed and/or eventually specialize and become involved in one specific area of healthcare such as pain management, dermatology or gynecology.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. critically analyze and evaluate Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine theories and treatment methods to perform safe and effective Acupuncture skills within a clinical setting;
2. evaluate patients incorporating a bio-medical approach with Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) examination techniques to formulate a TCM diagnosis and treatment strategy, and carry out the treatment in a skillful and professional manner;
3. explain the importance of Qi-cultivation in Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine, and competently perform practical skills in the various techniques of Qi cultivation;
4. employ essential therapeutic communication skills in professional practice situations to effectively work with and educate the public about integrative medical care models;
5. establish professional relationships with Acupuncture colleagues and members of the inter-professional healthcare teams;
6. assess and treat clients in a clinical setting using effective health related interpersonal skills;
7. promote and advocate for the benefits of Acupuncture treatment to the community;
8. establish a plan for lifelong learning for personal and professional development;
9. access and support current and pertinent research to self-reflection, self-direction and the creation of best practices and current outcomes in the Acupuncture profession;

10. provide culturally sensitive care to a diverse client population in the acupuncture clinical setting;
11. evaluate and implement environmentally related initiatives relevant to the Acupuncture profession;
12. identify and articulate the importance of conducting an Acupuncture or TCM practice in an ethical and professional manner, and within the appropriate provincial and federal legal requirements;
13. apply basic entrepreneurial strategies to identify and respond to new opportunities.

## External Recognition

There is a legislative requirement that program graduates must be licensed by the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario to be able to practice and work in the profession.

## The Program Progression

### Fall Intake

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2018
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2019
- **Sem 3:** Summer 2019
- **Sem 4:** Fall 2019
- **Sem 5:** Winter 2020
- **Sem 6:** Summer 2020

## Admission Requirements

OSSD or equivalent with

- Grade 12 English (C or U)
- Grade 11 Biology (C or U), or Grade 12 Biology (U)

First-year enrollment is limited, satisfying minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee admission.

Mature students, non-secondary school applicants (19 years or older), and home school applicants may also be considered for admission. Eligibility may be met by applicants who have taken equivalent courses, upgrading, completed their GED, and equivalency testing. For complete details refer to: [www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/policies-procedures/](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/policies-procedures/) (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/policies-procedures/>)

Applicants who have taken courses from a recognized and accredited post-secondary institution and/or have relevant life/learning experience may also be considered for admission; refer to the Credit Transfer Centre website for details:

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## Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around

time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: Individuals who have been charged or convicted criminally and not pardoned will be prohibited from proceeding to a clinical or work placement.

## Additional Information

Applicants must have an up-to-date immunization record in compliance with the Public Hospitals Act. Completion and submission of this record is required during registration in order to ensure your placement in clinical and field placement facilities.

A Hepatitis B vaccination is required for your own safety. It may be obtained at a reduced cost through the student insurance plan.

It is required that students have Level HCP CPR and Standard First Aid on admission to the program (On-line courses are not acceptable). It is the student's responsibility to renew their Level HCP CPR certification annually while in the Program. Students are asked to submit a copy of their current Level HCP CPR and Standard First Aid certificate to the registrar's office and show the original to the program coordinator at registration.

## Graduation Requirements

- 26 Program Courses
- 6 Clinical Practices
- 2 Communications Courses
- 4 General Education Courses

### Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, the passing weighted average for promotion through each semester, from year to year, and to graduate is 60%. Additionally, a student must attain a minimum of 50% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester unless otherwise stated on the course outline.

### Program Tracking

Semester 1			Hours
Program Courses			
ALTM 1000	Foundations of Traditional Chinese Medicine		84
ALTM 1001	Qigong and Mindfulness 1		42
BIOL 1019	Anatomy and Physiology		84
Communications Course			
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.			42
General Education Course			
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.			42
Hours			294
Semester 2			
Program Courses			
ACPT 1000	Acupuncture Points and Meridians Introduction		42
ALTM 1004	Qigong and Mindfulness 2		42
BIOL 1020	Palpation Anatomy		42
ETHC 1000	Professional and Ethical Standards in Acupuncture		42
Clinical Practice			
ALTM 1005	TCM Grand Rounds Introduction		42
Communications Course			
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.			42
Hours			252

Semester 3		
Program Courses		
ACPT 1001	Acupuncture Points and Meridians Advanced	42
ACPT 2001	Acupuncture Therapeutics	42
ACPT 2003	Fundamentals of Acupuncture Needling	42
ALTM 1003	Clinical Diagnosis of Traditional Chinese Medicine	42
ALTM 2002	Qigong and Mindfulness 3	42
BIOL 2009	Pathology	84
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
Clinical Practice		
ACPT 2000	Acupuncture Practice Introduction	56
Hours		392

Semester 4		
Program Courses		
ALTM 1002	Traditional Chinese Herbal Medicine Introduction	42
ALTM 2000	TCM Differential Diagnosis Introduction	42
ALTM 2004	Clinical Diagnosis and Medical Terminology	42
ALTM 2005	Qigong and Mindfulness 4	42
HLTH 2004	Philosophies of Healing	28
Clinical Practice		
ACPT 2002	Acupuncture Practice Advanced	56
ALTM 2006	TCM Grand Rounds Advanced	42
Hours		294

Semester 5		
Program Courses		
ALTM 2001	Materia Medica	42
ALTM 2003	TCM Differential Diagnosis Advanced	84
BUSI 3007	Business Principles for the Regulated Professional	42
REAS 3000	Research Methodologies	28
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
Clinical Practice		
ACPT 3000	Acupuncture Clinic Internship Introduction	168
Hours		406

Semester 6		
Program Courses		
ACPT 3001	Comprehensive Acupuncture Examination Review	84
ACPT 3002	Acupuncture Practice Management	42
ALTM 3000	Integrated TCM Cases	42
ALTM 3001	Chinese Patent Medicines	42
General Education Courses		
Select 1 - 42 hour courses from the general education list during registration.		42
Clinical Practice		
ACPT 3003	Acupuncture Clinic Internship Advanced	168
Hours		420
Total Hours		2058

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