

# MASTER OF CHINESE MEDICINE (4795)

**Approved Abbreviation:** MChinMed

**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 4795

**AQF Level:** 9

**CRICOS Code:** 109098B

This program applies to students who commenced in mid year/Spring 2022 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For commencement year 2018 - Autumn 2022 - please refer to 4716 Master of Chinese Medicine (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/master-chinese-medicine/>)

For commencement year 2015-2017- please refer to 4716.1 Master of Chinese Medicine (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4716.1>)

The Master of Chinese Medicine is for Chinese medicine practitioners aiming to strengthen knowledge and skills to work autonomously within health systems, including health and promotion. The program is also for graduates with a Chinese Medicine specialisation seeking a research pathway. It can be completed in two years of full-time study or the part-time equivalent. The 160 credit point Master of Chinese Medicine program is offered in partnership with the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine (BUCM) granting graduates the option of an equivalent recognition in the BUCM Masters of Chinese Medicine. Students undertake clinical placements or work with expert research supervisors to tackle complex problems as part of an international education initiative.

There are early exit options after 1.5 years (Masters in Chinese Medicine), 1 year (Graduate Diploma in Chinese Medicine) or 6 months (Graduate Certificate in Chinese Medicine).

## Study Mode

Two years full-time.

Four years part-time

## Program Advice

HealthSciences@westernsydney.edu.au (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/master-chinese-medicine/HealthSciences@westernsydney.edu.au>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>)| Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>)| International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>)|

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Campbelltown	Full Time	Internal	See above
Campbelltown	Part Time	Internal	See Above

## Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations

and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the 'Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students' website for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/international\\_student\\_support/working\\_in\\_australia/work\\_integrated\\_learning/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/))

There is an exchange agreement with BUCM, a 4-week clinical placement in specialty is built into the program for the clinical pathway (1.5 year). This is part of subject CMPL 7010 (401133) 20cp Clinical Placement. subject documents, onsite visit by the subject coordinator and specific personnel assigned by the partner institute are in place for assuring quality of supervision.

Furthermore, an Intention to RENEW an International Agreement has been submitted to extend the current exchange agreement with BUCM to also include a 4-week clinical placement specialty into the 2 year Master of Chinese Medicine for the research and clinical pathways. For the research pathway this is to integrate research into practice. This agreement will therefore cover the 4-week clinical placement and also formalise the agreement on credit recognition of completed studies in the WSU Masters of Chinese Medicine 2 year option for students to also receive the BUCM Masters of Chinese Medicine.

The subject HLTH 7027 (401369) Professional Project Health 1 additionally provides students in the 2 year Masters of Chinese Medicine (Research Clinician) an opportunity to transition research skills, by working with industry or a government partner on a challenging and complex problem affecting health care sector. This requires a collaborative, group effort with co-designed approaches and completion of project work as a team, including presentation of a response to the challenge posed by industry.

Applicants must have either:

An undergraduate degree in Acupuncture or Traditional Chinese Medicine

Or

A Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree in Traditional Chinese Medicine or Acupuncture and five years full-time equivalent clinical work experience in the field of Traditional Chinese Medicine or Acupuncture

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a Statement of Service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement\\_of\\_Service.PDF](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement_of_Service.PDF))

Applicants holding registration from the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Australia (CMBA) or full membership of any of associations in Group 1 will be accepted without additional assessment. Applicants holding any type of membership other than full membership from any associations in Group 1, or applicants holding any type of membership from any association in Group 2 will be further assessed. For each of these applicants, this assessment will be an interview by the Director of Academic Program and a nominee of the Dean. The interview will assess the applicant's prior learning, experience in the discipline and

understanding of the assumed knowledge appropriate to entry into the program.

## Association

### Group 1

- Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association (AACMA)
- The Australian Traditional Chinese Medicine Association Inc (ATCMA)
- Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Society of Australia (CMASA)
- Joint ATCMA & CMASA (established on 3rd July 2010)
- Australian Chinese Medical Association (Victoria) (ACMA)
- Acupuncture New Zealand (ANZ)
- The Australian Medical Acupuncture College
- Australian Medical Acupuncture Society (AMAS)
- Australian College of Acupuncturist (ACAL)
- Australian Natural Therapist Association (ANTA)
- Australian Traditional Chinese Medicine Association (ATCMA)
- Australian Traditional Medicine Society (ATMS)
- Federation of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Societies of Australia (FCMA)
- NSW Association of Chinese Medicine (NSWACM)
- New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists (NZRA)
- New Zealand Acupuncture Standards Authority (NZASA)
- National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) USA
- The British Acupuncture Council (BAcC)
- Victorian Traditional Acupuncture Society / Chinese Medicine Association (VTAS/CMA)

### Group 2

- Acupuncture Association of Victoria Inc (AAV)
- Acupuncture Association of Australia (AAA)
- Acupuncture Association of Australia, New Zealand and Asia (AAANZA)
- Australian Acupuncture Association Ltd / Acupuncture Ethics and Standards Organisation Ltd (AAcA/AESO)
- Australian Nurses Acupuncture Association (ANAA)
- Australian Physiotherapy Association (Acupuncture Study Group) (APA)
- Australian Society of Acupuncture Physiotherapists (ASAP)
- Society of Natural Therapists & Researchers (SNTR)
- Shiatsu Therapy Association of Australia (STAA)
- Korean Australian Oriental Medicine Association
- Traditional Medicine of China Society Australia
- Complementary Medicine Association (CMA)
- International Institute of Complementary Therapists (IICT)
- Toyohari Medical Association
- The Acupuncture Society (UK)
- New Zealand Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Society

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

## Master of Chinese Medicine (Clinician Specialist Advanced)

Qualification for the 2 year pathway requires the successful completion of 160 credit points including from the core subjects listed below.

To complete some of the components within the subjects in this program, students may be required to travel to other Western Sydney University campuses.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Core Subjects</b>		
CMPL 7008	Clinical Applications of Classical Acupuncture	10
CMPL 7007	Clinical Application of Classical Chinese Herbal Medicine	10
CMPL 7012	Evidence Based Practice in Chinese Medicine	10
HLTH 7015	Qualitative Research Methodology in Health	10
AGEN 7005	Research Protocol Design and Practice	10
CMPL 7025	Women's Health in Chinese Medicine	10
Select one of the following:		10
HLTH 7008	Introduction to Biostatistics	
PUBH 7016	Introduction to Epidemiology	
<b>Capstone Units</b>		
HLTH 7004	Dissertation	40
CMPL 7010	Clinical Placement	20
Plus three flexible subjects at postgraduate level		
<b>Alternate Subjects</b>		
Students must complete 30 credit points of Alternate study, either from the following list of alternative subjects or other postgraduate subjects with DAP approval.		
CMPL 7016	Musculoskeletal Health in Chinese Medicine	10
CMPL 7015	Mental and Neurological Disorders and Chinese Medicine	10
CMPL 7009	Clinical Oncology and Chinese Medicine	10
CMPL 7005	Chronic and Complex Disorders in Chinese Medicine	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>160</b>

## Master of Chinese Medicine (Clinician Specialist) (1.5 years Early Exit)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Core subjects</b>		
CMPL 7008	Clinical Applications of Classical Acupuncture	10
CMPL 7007	Clinical Application of Classical Chinese Herbal Medicine	10
CMPL 7012	Evidence Based Practice in Chinese Medicine	10
CMPL 7025	Women's Health in Chinese Medicine	10
AGEN 7005	Research Protocol Design and Practice	10
CMPL 7010	Clinical Placement	20
HLTH 7015	Qualitative Research Methodology in Health	10
Select one of the following		10
HLTH 7008	Introduction to Biostatistics	
PUBH 7016	Introduction to Epidemiology	

Plus three electives at Postgraduate Level	30
<b>Total Credit Points</b>	<b>120</b>

## Master of Chinese Medicine (Research Clinician Advanced)

Qualification for the 2 year pathway requires the successful completion of 160 credit points including from the core subjects listed below.

To complete some of the components within the subjects in this program, students may be required to travel to other Western Sydney University campuses.

**Note: Students require a GPA over 5.0 in order to take up the research pathway option.**

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Core subjects</b>		
CMPL 7008	Clinical Applications of Classical Acupuncture	10
CMPL 7007	Clinical Application of Classical Chinese Herbal Medicine	10
CMPL 7012	Evidence Based Practice in Chinese Medicine	10
CMPL 7020	Research Project and Thesis	30
AGEN 7005	Research Protocol Design and Practice	10
CMPL 7025	Women's Health in Chinese Medicine	10
Select one of the following:		
HLTH 7008	Introduction to Biostatistics	10
PUBH 7016	Introduction to Epidemiology	10
<b>Capstone subjects</b>		
Further to core subjects students must complete the following 2 capstone subjects for the 2 year option are		
CMPL 7010	Clinical Placement	20
HLTH 7027	Professional Project in Health 1	20
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>160</b>

## Master of Chinese Medicine (Research Clinician) (1.5 years Early Exit)

Note: Students require a GPA over 5.0 in order to take up the research stream option.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Core subjects</b>		
CMPL 7012	Evidence Based Practice in Chinese Medicine	10
CMPL 7008	Clinical Applications of Classical Acupuncture	10
CMPL 7007	Clinical Application of Classical Chinese Herbal Medicine	10
CMPL 7020	Research Project and Thesis	30
AGEN 7005	Research Protocol Design and Practice	10
CMPL 7025	Women's Health in Chinese Medicine	10
Select one of the following:		
HLTH 7008	Introduction to Biostatistics	10
PUBH 7016	Introduction to Epidemiology	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>120</b>

## Graduate Diploma of Chinese Medicine (exit only)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Core Subjects</b>		
CMPL 7008	Clinical Applications of Classical Acupuncture	10

CMPL 7007	Clinical Application of Classical Chinese Herbal Medicine	10
CMPL 7012	Evidence Based Practice in Chinese Medicine	10
AGEN 7005	Research Protocol Design and Practice	10
CMPL 7025	Women's Health in Chinese Medicine	10
Select one of the following:		10
HLTH 7008	Introduction to Biostatistics	
PUBH 7016	Introduction to Epidemiology	
Select two electives at postgraduate level		20
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>

## Graduate Certificate of Chinese Medicine (exit only)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Core Subjects</b>		
CMPL 7007	Clinical Application of Classical Chinese Herbal Medicine	10
CMPL 7008	Clinical Applications of Classical Acupuncture	10
CMPL 7012	Evidence Based Practice in Chinese Medicine	10
Select one of the following:		10
HLTH 7008	Introduction to Biostatistics	
PUBH 7016	Introduction to Epidemiology	
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>