The University of Bridgeport’s Acupuncture Institute is devoted to the exploration of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), an internationally respected and quickly growing form of healing that encompasses acupuncture, herbal treatments, manual therapies, and other ancient Eastern-based practices. We offer several graduate-level degrees in different areas of TCM to allow you to develop proficiencies based on your specific interests and career goals. Due to steadily increasing public acceptance of complimentary health care in the U.S. and Europe, the need for more TCM practitioners is on the rise.

Our program provides you with a deep understanding of the concepts and treatment modalities involved in TCM, along with a unique integration of Western medical sciences to foster the most complete approach to health care. Experiential learning is another key component. You will apply your knowledge by providing supervised, hands-on care to patients in collaboration with many other types of professionals.

Apply Ancient Treatments to Modern Practice

The breadth and depth of Traditional Chinese Medicine instruction at UB is unparalleled. We hope you join the others who have gone on to hold exciting health care positions across the globe with a University of Bridgeport Acupuncture Institute degree.

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Director of the Acupuncture Institute
One-quarter of the world’s population relies on acupuncture because it achieves excellent clinical results. This program’s classes focus on both the theoretical and practical aspects of acupuncture, and help you hone your skills in a variety of applications such as moxibustion, tui na, and qigong. In this three-year, 118-credit program, you will also learn a range of complementary techniques and how to perform relevant biomedical testing procedures to become proficient in diagnosing and treating a diverse population of patients.

**CHINESE HERBOLGY**

The Chinese Herbology degree is ideal for health care professionals who are seeking greater understanding of the formulation and application of effective herbal medicines. You will learn about a broad range of botanicals, diet therapies, and pharmacy practices to address patient concerns. This two-year, 36.5-credit program prepares students for the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) exam.

**TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE**

The four-year, 145.5-credit M.S. in TCM will provide you with comprehensive knowledge of all of the elements of this practice, including herbal medicine and acupuncture. You will study the theories and tenets of Eastern and Western medicine before advancing to in-depth training and clinical applications. You will emerge fully capable of treating patients in a variety of health care settings.

**DOCTOR OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE**

This is the first clinical doctoral TCM program on the East Coast to be offered at a university. The four-year, 167-credit course of study rigorously develops your clinical assessment and treatment skills, allowing you to act as a primary care provider in certain states. By building expertise in biomedicine and integrative medicine, you will prepare to become an essential part of a collaborative, multidisciplinary health care unit. Clinical training is comprised of 1,400 hours at the UB Clinics and off-site locations.

**ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC**

Open to the public, the state-of-the-art UB Acupuncture Clinic serves a diverse population and offers students essential hands-on training opportunities. Providing patient care under the supervision of an experienced practitioner, you will learn to draw from various conventional, alternative, and complementary therapies to optimize treatment for a broad array of health conditions.

**ACCOLADES**

Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM)

**ONLY TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PROGRAM WITH A COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY**

To obtain specific program curricula, please visit: bridgeport.edu/acourses

**5,500 PATIENTS TREATED AT OUR ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC ANNUALLY**

In addition to combining the health care methods of the East and the West, we take an innovative approach by partnering with practitioners in different fields of health care. Our students learn to work well individually, as well as in concert with professionals trained in a variety of modalities, through practice in our on-campus clinics. This integration, afforded by UB’s supportive and diverse Division of Health Sciences, provides you with real-world advantages before you enter practice.
PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

M.S. in Acupuncture, M.S. in Traditional Chinese Medicine, Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Bachelor’s degree or 120 credits from an accredited institution
- Required coursework completed with a grade of C or better:
  - English (6 hours)
  - Psychology (3 hours)
  - Social Sciences (3 hours)
  - Biology with labs (6 hours)
  - Chemistry with labs (6 hours)
  - Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in science prerequisites

M.S. in Chinese Herbology
- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
- Current licensure or registration as a health care professional whose scope of practice includes the use of Chinese herbs and formulae
- Required coursework:
  - Human Anatomy (4 semester credits)
  - Human Physiology (4 semester credits)
  - Pharmacology (1 semester credit)
  - Human Clinical Diagnosis (4 semester credits)
  - Human Pathology (4 semester credits)
  - TCM Medical Theory (36 hours, 2 semester credits)
  - TCM Diagnosis (36 hours, 2 semester credits)
  - Meridian Theory/Meridian Diagnosis (36 hours, 2 semester credits)

Required Application Materials
- Completed University of Bridgeport application
- Non-refundable application fee of $50
- Official transcripts from every school attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- 250–500 word personal statement

DEADLINES
All programs are on rolling admissions, but students are strongly encouraged to apply by July 1 for fall admission.

QUESTIONS
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UBAI graduates are eligible to take the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) board exam for acupuncture, a requirement for licensure in many states and countries. Our graduates are currently licensed and employed throughout the U.S. and internationally.

For further information on accreditation and licensure, please visit: bridgeport.edu/acupuncturelicensure

Licensure

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The UB {Mission}

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