

# School of Health Science

## Associate in Science in Oriental Medicine (ASOM)

The Associate in Science program in Oriental Medicine option provides students with introductory knowledge of basic medical science, acupuncture, Oriental Medicine and herbology theories, and the practice of breathing exercise, Qi Gong, and Chinese hand manipulation therapy technique, Tuina, and acupressure.

Upon completion of the Associate in Science in Oriental Medicine program, students are prepared for an entry level of career at an Acupuncture clinic and practice Tuina and acupressure to help patients relieve pains and discomfort. Students are also prepared to advance their education to the bachelor level of the Oriental medicine or to the Master of Science in Oriental Medicine. Students should note that performing acupuncture or the needling on human body is only permitted with a valid acupuncturist license which is only issued to practitioners who successfully pass CALE. Students may refer to the website of California Acupuncture Board, [www.acupuncture.ca.gov](http://www.acupuncture.ca.gov) for further detail on licensing and requirements.

### Program Objectives:

The ASOM curriculum is designed to enable students to:

1. Know basic theories, concepts and knowledge in medical science, acupuncture, Oriental medicine, and Chinese herbology
2. Apply natural healing art techniques in a clinic setting ethically and within professional boundary
3. Develop communication skills with the application of professional terminology
4. Recognize how the practice of Oriental medicine works in synergy with the enhancement of community wellbeing
5. Demonstrate basic knowledge and skills required for a competent assistant in complementary medicine facilities

### Admission Requirements:

Students desiring admission to the Associate in Science in Oriental Medicine must meet the following requirements:

1. Completed their high school education or G.E.D. with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 or better.
2. Completed or be enrolled concurrently in General Education courses not less than 25 quarter units or 17 semester units covering various academic disciplines which must include two courses of English and Communication, one course of mathematics, two courses of Natural and Physical Sciences, one course of Social and Behavioral Science, and one course of Humanities and Fine Arts. General Education courses students are concurrently enrolled in must be completed prior to the completion of the AS program. The minimum G.P.A. attained must be of 2.0 or better. GE courses are offered at community/city colleges.

### International Student Admission Requirements:

Unless a graduate from a US high school or foreign equivalent where English was the language of instruction evidenced by an official transcript, or a student having taken at least 2 years of education in a college program where English was the language of instruction evidenced by an official transcript, an applicant whose native language is not English must satisfy English proficiency requirement for admission to the ASOM program by scoring a TOEFL test with at least 450 PBT, 133 CBT or 45 iBT; a TOEIC of at least 480 or a IELTS of 4.



## Graduation Requirements:

To receive the Associate in Science, Oriental Medicine degree, students must meet the following academic requirements:

- completed 25 quarter units (17 semester units) in General Education Courses
- completed 65 quarter units in Acupuncture, Basic Science, Oriental Medicine, Herbology and other related Courses
- maintained a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 or better

## ASOM Curriculum

The ASOM curriculum includes 25 quarter units (21 semester units) in General Education Courses, and 65 quarter units in Oriental Medicine concentration courses as listed below.

### Oriental Medicine Concentration Courses Required: 65 quarter Units

<u>Department</u>	<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Units</u>
<b>Acupuncture</b>	AC 1211	Acupuncture Meridian Theory	2
	AC 1221	Introduction to Acupuncture I	3
	AC 1222	Introduction to Acupuncture II	3
	AC 1241	Acupressure and Tuina Therapy	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>11</b>
<b>Basic Science</b>	BS 1111	Human Biology	3
	BS 1171	Topographic Anatomy	2
	BS 2181	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
	BS 2182	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
	BS 2183	Anatomy and Physiology III	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>14</b>
<b>Herbology</b>	HB 1411	Botany and Introduction to Herbology	3
	HB 2421	Chinese Herbology I	4
	HB 2422	Chinese Herbology II	4
	HB 2423	Chinese Herbology III	4
	HB 2424	Chinese Herbology IV	4
<b>Total</b>			<b>19</b>
<b>Oriental Medicine</b>	OM 2311	Fundamental Theories of Chinese Medicine I	3
	OM 2312	Fundamental Theories of Chinese Medicine II	2
	OM 1312	Chinese Medical Terminology/Literature	2
	OM 3320	Chinese Medical Diagnosis	3
	OM 1311	History & Philosophy of Oriental Medicine	2
	OM 1321	Qi Gong Theory and Technique	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>14</b>
<b>Clinical Science</b>	CS 1511	Western Medical Terminology	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>Practice Management</b>	PM 1911	World History of Medicine & Prof Development	3
	PM 2723	Ethics and Legal Professional Issues	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>5</b>