



**ALHAMBRA**  
**MEDICAL UNIVERSITY**

## **Master of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine**

**Alhambra Medical University** was established to train students to be proficient in Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). The curriculum focuses on enabling graduates to be proficient in TCM diagnostic skills as well as biomedical concepts and diseases.

**Accreditation and Approval** | The University is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (ACAHM) which enables qualified students to receive Title IV Federal Financial Aid. It is also upon graduation, students are eligible to take the California Acupuncture Board Licensing Exam and National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) Examination. The University is approved by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education to offer both English and Chinese classes.

**Location** | Alhambra Medical University is located in the San Gabriel Valley, a growing multicultural in Southern California. The campus is close to Hollywood, Santa Monica beach resorts and has easy access to public transportation, and abundant recreational and leisure activities.

The University operates on a quarter system, and applications are accepted for the program four times a year in January, April, July and October.

## MAHM Program

### Eligibility:

- The satisfactory completion of 90 semester units of education at a baccalaureate level education.
- Official transcript(s) from outside the United States need to be evaluated by the reputable foreign credential's evaluation agency.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.25
- For applicant with non-English-Based education, for English track, the following scores are required:
  - TOEFL® iBT: overall 61
  - IELTS: 6.0 in Academic format
  - Duolingo: 90
- Student who is attending other school in the U.S. and meets the requirements above may transfer.
- Credits earned more than Five (5) years prior to admission may only be accepted for transfer after validating and documenting that the student has retained the content knowledge and competencies of the respective course(s) for which transfer credits are being assessed.

### Required Documents:

1. Application form
2. \$100 non-refundable application fee  
\$150 non-refundable application fee for international student  
\$120 non-refundable fee for the charge of overseas mailing fee for I-20
3. Official Transcript(s) from all colleges and/or universities attended.  
If the transcripts are from a country where English is not the primary language, it must be translated into English and must be sent to a reputable foreign credentials evaluation agency to evaluate equivalent levels of educational achievement in the U.S.
4. Copy of certificate of graduation or diploma.
5. A personal essay describing yourself and your interest in MSTAM program.
6. Two recommendation letters
7. For applicant with non-English-Based education, TOEFL® iBT or IELTS score must be provided.
8. Copy of Driver's license and US passport or green card.
9. One recent 2"x2" color head shot photo (digital file is acceptable).

## **Additional documents required for International Student**

1. A financial statement showing at least \$23,000 in assets verify the availability to pay educational and living expenses for one year.
2. A copy of a passport that is valid for at least 6 months after the date of entry into the US.
3. Copy of current I-20.
4. Copy of I-94.
5. For transferring international students, a completed transfer release form must be sent to AMU by the school from which the applicant is transferring.

## **Tuition and Fees**

Tuition, fees, and charges are subject to change.

Didactic units: \$200 per unit (total 216 units)

Clinic Internship: \$17 per hour (total 960 hours)

**Total: \$61,070 (Estimate)**

## **Financial Aid Eligibility**

Eligibility is determined by federal and state regulations and university policy. The amount of your financial aid is determined by subtracting the family contribution from the estimated cost of attendance. You may qualify for both Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loans. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to determine their eligibility for Federal financial aid. For more information on applying for Federal student aid, go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

To apply a Federal Financial Aid, students are required to meet the following:

- Be a US Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Have a valid social security number.
- Register with Selective Service (if required)
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements
- Have no defaulted loans or owe any grant repayment.
- Not participate in the sale or possession of drugs while receiving federal student aid.

## **Cost of living**

Studio or single bedroom apartment near the school is approximately \$2,000/month.

### Advanced standing assessment:

The actual course work successfully completed at a college or university accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or, in the case of foreign institutions, recognized by the appropriate government agency is transferrable.

For institutions approved by the California Board of Acupuncture, 100% transfer credit may be awarded, provided that the actual coursework to be transferred has been successfully completed and is equivalent to the relevant coursework hours required at AMU.

### Lectures and Hours:

Didactic Curriculum		Units	Hours
	Basic Sciences	36	360
	Traditional Chinese Medicine	39	390
	Acupuncture	27	270
	Herbal Medicine	45	450
	Adjunctive Therapies	9	90
	Western Medicine	27	270
	Professional Development	27	270
	Electives	6	60
	Total Didactic	216	2,160
Clinical Curriculum		48	960
Total Curriculum		264	3,120

### Office

Campus & Offices	2215 W Mission Rd Suite 280, Alhambra, CA 91803
Clinic	28 South Palm, Alhambra, CA 91801
Web / Email	<a href="http://www.amu.edu">www.amu.edu</a>   <a href="mailto:start@amu.edu">start@amu.edu</a>
Phone	(626) 438-8980
Office Hours	Monday to Saturday from 10:00am - 6:00pm

### Study period:

It's a four-year program, and all courses should be completed within eight years.

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## Curriculum

### Basic Science (Total 36 units/ 360 hours)

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
BS110	Biology	3	30
BS120	Chemistry & Biochemistry	3	30
BS130	Physics	3	30
BS140	Psychology	3	30
BS150	Nutrition & Vitamins	3	30
BS221	Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	3	30
BS222	Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	3	30
BS223	Anatomy & Physiology III & Lab	3	30
BS224	Anatomy & Physiology IV & Lab	3	30
BS311	Pathology I	3	30
BS312	Pathology II	3	30
BS313	Pathology III	3	30

### TCM Theory, Diagnosis & Treatment (Total 39 units / 390 hours)

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
OM100	Medical History & TCM Literature	3	30
OM111	Basic Theory of TCM I	3	30
OM112	Basic Theory of TCM II	3	30
OM201	TCM Diagnosis I	3	30
OM202	TCM Diagnosis II	3	30
OM203	TCM Diagnosis III	3	30
OM301	TCM Internal Medicine I	3	30
OM302	TCM Internal Medicine II	3	30
OM303	TCM Internal Medicine III	3	30
OM304	TCM Internal Medicine IV	3	30
OM410	TCM Dermatology	3	30
OM420	TCM Gynecology	3	30
OM430	Yellow Emperor's	3	30

**Acupuncture & Moxibustion (Total 27 units / 270 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
AC100	Meridian Theory	3	30
AC111	Acupuncture Anatomy I	3	30
AC112	Acupuncture Anatomy II	3	30
AC201	Acupuncture Physiology I	3	30
AC202	Acupuncture Physiology II	3	30
AC321	Acupuncture Techniques I & Lab	3	30
AC322	Acupuncture Techniques II & Lab	3	30
AC401	Acupuncture Therapeutics I	3	30
AC402	Acupuncture Therapeutics II	3	30

**Chinese Herbology (Total 45units / 450 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
HB110	Introduction to Botany & Herbs	3	30
HB121	Chinese Herbology I	3	30
HB122	Chinese Herbology II	3	30
HB123	Chinese Herbology III	3	30
HB124	Chinese Herbology IV	3	30
HB201	Chinese Herbal Formula I	3	30
HB202	Chinese Herbal Formula II	3	30
HB203	Chinese Herbal Formula III	3	30
HB204	Chinese Herbal Formula IV	3	30
HB300	TCM Nutrition	3	30
HB401	Advanced Formula: Shang Han	3	30
HB402	Advanced Formula: Jin Gui Yao Lue	3	30
HB403	Advanced Formula: Wen Bing	3	30
HB420	Herb Pair (Dui Yao)	3	30
HB440	Formula Writing	3	30

**Tai Ji & Qi Gong, Therapeutic Massage, TCM Exercise (Total 9 units / 90 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
TB110	Tai Ji Quan & Qi Gong	3	30
TB221	Tui Na & Orthopedics I	3	30
TB222	Tui Na & Orthopedics II	3	30

**Clinical Medicine, Patient Assessment & Diagnosis (Total 27 units / 270 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
WM100	W. Medical Terminology	3	30
WM310	Physical Examination	3	30
WM320	Laboratory & Imaging	3	30
WM330	W. Pharmacology	3	30
WM401	Western Clinic Sciences I	3	30
WM402	Western Clinic Sciences II	3	30
WM403	Western Clinic Sciences III	3	30
WM404	Western Clinic Sciences IV	3	30
WM510	Survey of Clinical Medicine	3	30

**Case Management (Total 9 units / 90 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
CM301	Case Management I	3	30
CM302	Case Management II	3	30
CM303	Case Management III	3	30

**Practice Management & Medical Ethics (Total 6 units / 60 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
MG410	Clinical Management	3	30
MG420	Medical Ethics	3	30

**Public Health (Total 3 units / 30 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
PH110	Public Health	3	30

**Professional Development (Total 3 units / 30 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
RM400	Research of TCM	3	30

**Comprehensive Review (Total 6 units / 60 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
CR501	Comprehensive Review I	3	30
CR502	Comprehensive Review II	3	30

**Elective Classes****(Choose two of the following courses, total 6 units / 60 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
EL310	Special Topics in Basic Science	3	30
EL320	Special Topics in Traditional Asian Medicine	3	30
EL330	Special Topics in Integrative Medicine	3	30
EL340	Special Topics in Clinical Medicine	3	30
EL350	Special Topics in Clinical Science	3	30
EL360	Special Topics in Public Health	3	30
EL370	Special Topics in Professional Development	3	30

**Clinical Practice (Total 48 units / 960 hours)**

Code	Course Title	Units	Hours
Level I	Clinic Observation	10	200
Level II	Supervised Assisted Practice	16	320
Level III	Supervised Solo Practice	22	440