

# PROSPECTUS



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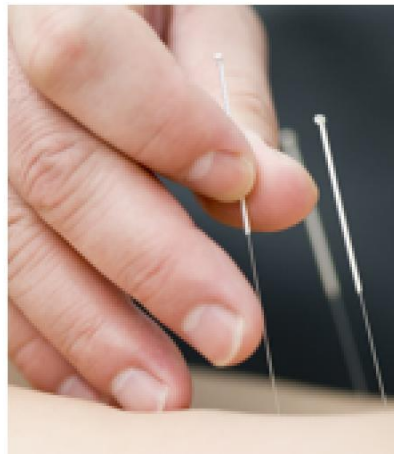


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# 新西兰针灸中医药学院

# WELCOME

You are a step towards making an important decision on your career path. It's a modern choice in health with ancestral eastern medicine.

At the New Zealand School of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (NZSATCM), we are committed to developing the potential of our students as qualified and competent practitioners in acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine (TCM).

TCM with its emphasis on treating the whole person is increasingly becoming a selected therapy based on its effectiveness in enhancing wellness and alleviating diseases instead of solely relieving symptoms. As a growing healthcare profession, TCM offers opportunities for those seeking a rewarding career in caring for the health and wellbeing of people.

We strive to be the best that we can be, so that when you study with us, you have the foundations and support to reach your greatest potential.

In adhering to this philosophy, we are pleased that after our 2015 External Evaluation and Review (**EER**) by the *New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)* our efforts were acknowledged again by being awarded the highest ranking of **Category 1 Provider** with a *Highly Confident* rating in Educational Performance.

In 2015 NZSATCM achieved 92% in course completions, compared to the national average of 83%. which is well above the median averages for the entire sector.

I welcome you to embark on the journey to becoming a great TCM practitioner and look forward to getting to know you.

**Anita S Kumar and Janise Heow**

Directors

“Tell me, I will forget  
Show me, I may  
remember Involve me, and  
I will understand “



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# ABOUT US

As one of the fastest growing and widely accepted emerging health care professions, TCM offers excellent opportunities for a career in this field as a primary care provider.

## NZSATCM

Established in 1989, we are the oldest educational institution of its kind in New Zealand. The School is dedicated to providing quality education enabling students to gain the knowledge and skills to reach their full potential in the specialised field of TCM.

The School is NZQA registered and accredited, with a Category 1 provider rating, the highest provider category offered by NZQA, being the New Zealand government crown entity tasked with providing national and international leadership in assessment & qualifications.

## CAMPUSES

NZSATCM operates from its two campuses in Auckland and Wellington.

## PROGRAMMES AND COURSES

- Master of Health Science
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine
- Diploma of Tuina
- Certificate of Acupuncture Midwifery



The School's range of certificate, diploma and degree programmes connects students to the work place by ensuring the curriculum is current and relevant, and the contents are of the right mix of theory and practical skills.

The academic staircase enables students to attain multiple qualifications by gaining credits at lower-level studies towards a higher-level qualification. The mode of study is classroom based. Some subjects may be offered by distance learning in an online environment.

The demand of the study will require students to apply themselves and put in the time and effort. A high level of



personal discipline and time management are the ingredients for success.

All undergraduate qualifications share some core components making it easier to study more than one qualification concurrently.

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## Entry Criteria

- minimum of age 18 at start of course
- NCEA 2 for domestic students or international equivalent
- For international students if English not the first language:
  - Level 9 Degree, IELTS academic score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6.
  - Level 7 Diploma or Degree, IELTS academic score of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5.

# NZ School of Acupuncture & TCM

Celebrating more than 26 years of education!



Over 80% of our graduates have their own successful practices within 2 years of graduating - compare this to other schools!

## Careers in TCM

***If you're looking for a career in a highly sought-after health related field, we encourage you to seriously consider a career in Traditional Chinese Medicine.***

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) with its emphasis on treating the whole person is becoming an increasingly sought after therapy which has gained recognition based on its effectiveness in enhancing wellbeing and alleviating diseases instead of solely relieving symptoms.

TCM is widely accepted in New Zealand, revolutionising how we perceive and treat illness, challenging us to participate in and shape a new medical model that integrates the best that Eastern and Western philosophies have to offer.

As one of the fastest growing and widely accepted emerging healthcare professions TCM offers excellent opportunities that are recognised internationally for those seeking a career in this health field as primary care providers.

NZSATCM is New Zealand's leading TCM education provider dedicated to providing quality education in a supportive and stimulating environment. Our students graduate completely confident in their ability to accurately diagnose and successfully treat their patients. Another outstanding aspect to our curriculum is preparing student to set up their own ACC-registered practice.

We are also proud of the fact that over 80% of our graduates have established their own practice either in New Zealand or overseas within 2 years of graduating.

# Academic Staircase



## PROFESSIONAL CAREERS QUALITY EDUCATION

We are a high quality education provider. Our academic staff are qualified, experienced and dedicated professionals. They are passionate in imparting their knowledge and skills to students. You will benefit greatly from their extensive international experience, as well as expertise in the running of TCM clinics.

The teaching curriculum prepares graduates to establish their own practices. Over 80% of the students, within two years of their graduation, have established their own successful practice in New Zealand and overseas countries.

### Master Degree

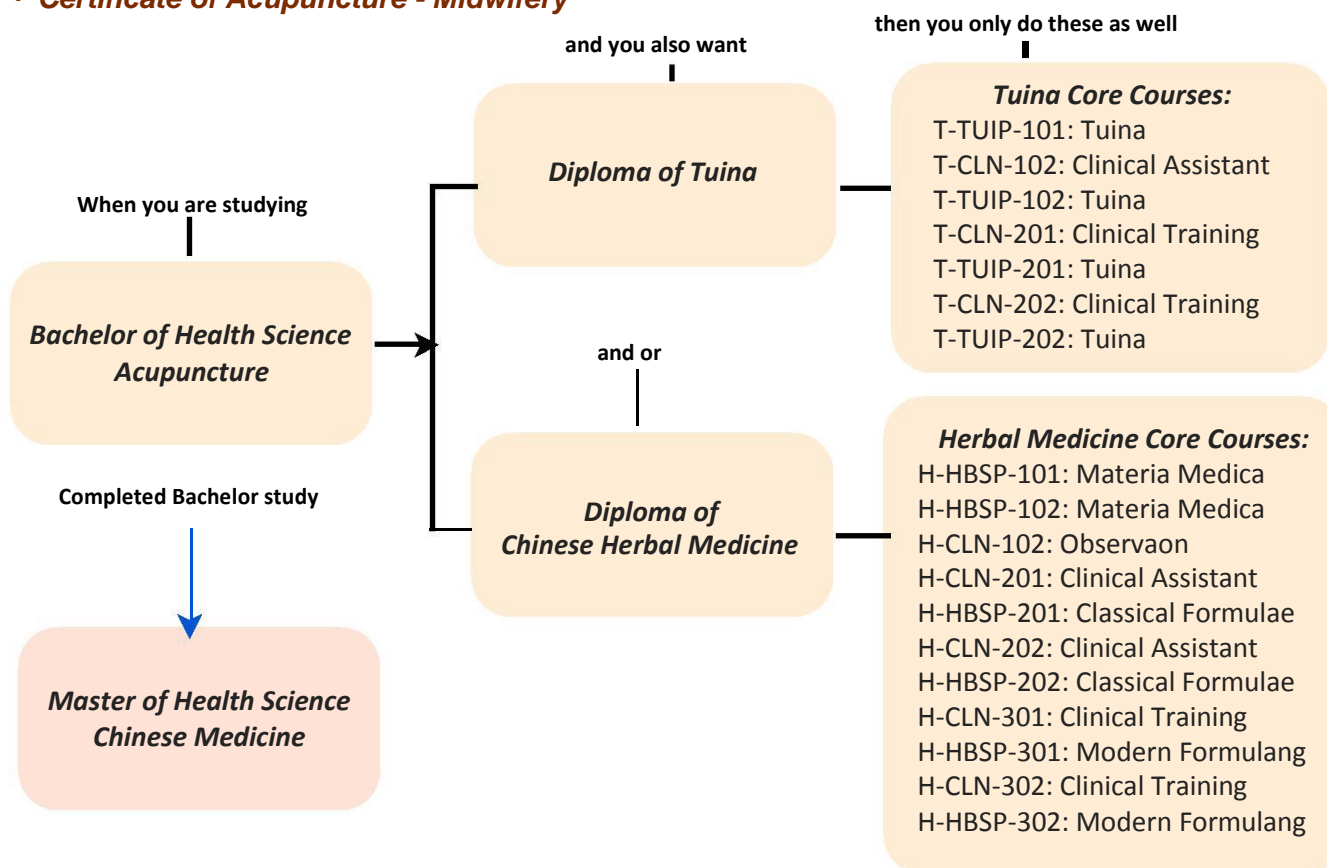
#### • *Master of Health Science - Chinese Medicine*

The Masters is designed to enable advanced scholarship and clinical practice in any of the modalities (Acupuncture, Moxibustion, Tuina, Qigong or Chinese Herbal Medicine that encompass Chinese Medicine).

### Undergraduate Programmes

When enrolled in the BHS programme, you have the opportunity to complete a diploma in a related therapy such as Tuina, or Chinese herbal medicine. To gain such a diploma, only the core courses of the diploma have to be completed. You can study the core subjects of a diploma concurrently with the degree programme, or at a later stage of their study. Some choose to complete a diploma after graduation, to gain an additional qualification, or better still, enrol in our Masters programme.

- *Bachelor of Health Science - Acupuncture*
- *Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine*
- *Diploma of Tuina (Chinese medical massage)*
- *Certificate of Acupuncture - Midwifery*



# HOW TO APPLY

## STEP 1: FINDING A PROGRAMME

This prospectus provides information on the programmes of study available. For additional information and advice, please call us on **0800 880033**, or  
**Auckland +64 9 630 3546**  
**Wellington +64 4 473 9005**



## STEP 2: COMPLETING AN ENROLMENT FORM

When you have decided which programme to apply for, complete the enrolment form. You can apply online, by post, or in person.

**Online:** [acupuncture.ac.nz](http://acupuncture.ac.nz)

**By Post:** PO Box 11076  
Wellington 6142  
New Zealand

**In person:**  
**Auckland** 382C Manukau Road, Epsom  
**Wellington** Level 10, Willbank House  
57 Willis Street, CBD

## STEP 3: ASSESSMENT

We will assess your application and will contact you if we need additional information. We will conduct an interview with you by phone or in person.

## STEP 4: OFFER

We will send you an offer of place if your application is successful. You will be advised if your application is unsuccessful. You will accept the offer of place by returning the acceptance form.

## STEP 5: FEES

You will arrange to pay the fees on time. If you are paying by student loan, you need to submit your loan application as early as possible, to confirm your eligibility



\* If you already have some relevant skills or qualifications, you can save yourself extra work and time by applying for recognition of prior learning (RPL). Contact us for more information.



# NEW ZEALAND REGISTER OF ACUPUNCTURISTS

Graduates from the New Zealand School of Acupuncture and TCM are able to join NZRA immediately upon graduation and do not have to complete an assessment for clinical competence.

The New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists are very happy to welcome current students to become student members of their organisation. NZRA has a very strong commitment to support members in the provision of safe and effective health care for all New Zealanders.

There is no doubt that the general public are increasingly choosing acupuncture and Chinese medicine as their primary health care system. More and more people are seeking to take greater responsibility for their own health and are realising that acupuncture and Chinese medicine, with strong emphasis on the maintenance of wellbeing, are able to provide what they are looking for.

New Zealand is known for being a country of innovation – there is no reason why we cannot lead the world into the integration of the very best that both eastern and western medicine have to offer.

## ABOUT NZRA

First established in 1977 and now with more than 500 members throughout New Zealand, NZRA is the oldest and largest professional body representing acupuncturists in New Zealand. NZRA members have been recognised as ACC treatment providers since 1990.

A member of the World Federation of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Societies as well as the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies, NZRA also has strong affiliations with acupuncture associations in Australia, China, the United States and Britain.

NZRA is very pleased to support students by providing free membership to all those enrolled in a full course of study in the field of acupuncture and/or Chinese Medicine in New Zealand.

The benefits of student membership are as follows:

- Free membership with optional access to the extensive NZRA library
- As a student member of a professional group of acupuncturists you are able to keep up with current information through receiving the NZRA monthly newsletter
- Access to the member's area of the NZRA website and take advantage of being able to ask assistance from experienced practitioners
- Student members are able to attend regional meetings as non-voting members

Fee reduction to attend the NZRA annual conference seminars and workshops (held every year in

- Wellington at the end of June).

**For further information go to their website:**

**[acupuncture.org.nz](http://acupuncture.org.nz)**

# MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE (CHINESE MEDICINE)

## PC3000- Master of Health Science (Chinese Medicine)

**Contact Person:** For any questions and enquires you are welcome to contact our Director of Postgraduate Programmes ([debra.betts@nzsao.com](mailto:debra.betts@nzsao.com))

### About the Programme

The Master of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) is designed to meet the needs of professional practitioners of traditional Chinese medicine who are already practicing at an advanced level or who aspire to do so.

Postgraduate education provides the foundation on which to advance the Chinese medical profession, including the fostering of greater professional awareness within Chinese medicine.

The programme aims to provide a toolkit of contemporary knowledge and a variety of transferable skills, including reflective practice, critical thinking and independent study, research skills to support advancement of professional practice and specialist practice skills promoting innovation within client care.

### Course Content

#### Core modules

- MHS801 Advanced Research Methods
- MHS802 Contemporary Perspectives in Complementary & Alternative Medicine
- MHS803 Small Scale Project

#### Elective modules

Students must complete one of four optional modules from the following pool:

- MHS901 Chinese Medicine for Women's Health
- MHS902 Chinese Medicine for Musculoskeletal Health
- MHS903 Chinese Medicine for Mental Health
- MHS904 Chinese Herbal Therapy

#### Dissertation

Complete one of two 90-credit dissertations.

- MHS905 Empirical Research
- MHS906 Literature Dissertation



## Graduate Profile

The programme contributes to the postgraduate education of Chinese Medicine practitioners, preparing graduates who can contribute to knowledge and practice development within their own chosen clinical specialty. Graduates will have:

- enhanced their specialist clinical knowledge and skills
- interpreted traditional knowledge and the modern research-evidence base pertaining to it
- understood and used research models relating to the investigation and treatment of a range of diseases and conditions
- developed, applied and tested advanced theoretical concepts in TCM
- critically analysed and debated research issues in clinical evaluations of acupuncture and Chinese Medicine
- prepared themselves with the knowledge, skills and personal attributes for professional careers in specialty areas of Chinese Medicine at an advanced level.



## Career Opportunities

Graduates can practice as traditional Chinese medicine practitioners, or as researchers in the relevant areas. TCM is used by over a quarter of the world's population and is the largest form of complementary medicine in New Zealand. This growing field is increasing career opportunities locally and internationally for NZSATCM graduates.

## Entry Criteria

In order to be admitted to the Masters, an applicant shall normally have completed one of the following requirements:

- have a Bachelors degree in a Chinese Medicine-related subject from a New Zealand tertiary institution or an equivalent overseas university as deemed appropriate by the Admissions panel, or
- have qualifications or experience deemed to be the equivalent of one of the above. In situations where the admission qualifications are not sufficient for study at the postgraduate level, enrolment in transitional studies may be required before the applicant is admitted to the programme. International students for whom English is not their first language should provide one of the following:
  - 1) evidence no more than two years' old of an Academic IELTS score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6,
  - 2) evidence of a comparable pass in IELTS or its equivalents gained within the last two years.
- Applicants whose qualifying undergraduate or postgraduate studies were conducted in English may be exempted from the IELTS requirements on submission of documented evidence that English was the language of instruction of that degree.

# BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE (ACUPUNCTURE)

Level	7
Credits	480
Duration	4 years (full time)
Start Date	February
Fees	See fees table

## PC9792- Bachelor of Health Science - Acupuncture

### About the Programme

The four-year Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture) programme aims to produce primary healthcare practitioners who use acupuncture to treat patients.

Graduates have the extensive knowledge, skills and clinical experience to ensure high standards of competency and safety in acupuncture practice.

Graduates are eligible for membership with the New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists (NZRA). Members of NZRA are entitled to treat Accident Compensation Commission (ACC) patients and claim a treatment fee from ACC.

### Course Content

- TCM theory
- TCM practical
- Biomedical health sciences
- Professional studies
- Clinical practice
- Research

The first and second years of study provide the foundation in the required biological, clinical, professional knowledge and skill base. This is enhanced through clinical observation and assisting in the clinic.

The third and fourth years are the clinical years of study where student clinicians offer consultation and treatment services to patients under the supervision of qualified, experienced staff acupuncture practitioners. They are also introduced to research principles and methodologies in year four.

### Postgraduate Studies

The four-year Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture) programme provides a pathway for students to pursue postgraduate studies.

Bachelor graduates, in addition to NZSATCM's own postgraduate Master of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) programme, have the opportunity to undertake Master's and Doctorate studies at the following partner institutions:

- Southern Medical University, Guangzhou
- Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine
- Hubei University of Chinese Medicine, Wuhan.

### Career Opportunities

Graduates of our Bachelor degree trend toward establishing private practices of their own, join or establish multidisciplinary practices or take advantage of flexible working hour opportunities in existing practices.

### Entry Criteria

- Proof of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency
- A minimum age of 18 at start of course, with a minimum of 42 credits at level 3 or higher, made up of 14 credits in each of two approved subjects, with a further 14 credits at level 3 or higher taken from no more than two additional domains or approved subjects, or
- Applicants who have completed Bursary, mature students, Australian students and those seeking discretionary entrance should contact the School.
- International students will need to meet visa, literacy standards and numeracy requirements.
- For international students if English is not the first language then IELTS academic score must be 6 with no band score lower than 5.5

# Bachelor of Acupuncture Subjects

## YEAR ONE SEMESTER 1

BSC-RES-101: Academic writing

BSC-TCMP-101: TCM practical

BSC-TCMT-101: TCM theory

BSC-WMS-101: Anatomy, physiology

BSC-WMS-111: Basic microbiology

## SEMESTER 2

BSC-CLN-102: Introduction to clinic

BSC-TCMP-102: TCM practical

BSC-TCMT-102: TCM theory

BSC-WMS-102: Anatomy, physiology

BSC-WMS-112: Human development



## YEAR TWO SEMESTER 1

BSC-CLN-201: Clinical assistant

BSC-TCMP-201: TCM practical

BSC-TCMT-201: TCM theory

BSC-TCMT-211: Acupoint functions

## SEMESTER 2

BSC-CLN-202: Clinical assistant

BSC-TCMP-202: TCM practical

BSC-TCMP-212: Musculoskeletal assess

BSC-TCMT-202: TCM theory



## YEAR THREE SEMESTER 1

BSC-CLN-301: Student clinic

BSC-DDX-301: Differential diagnosis

BSC-TCMP-301: Musculoskeletal txt

BSC-TCMT-301: Clinical patterns

BSC-WMS-301: Diagnosis, referral

## SEMESTER 2

BSC-CLN-302: Student clinic

BSC-DDX-302: Differential diagnosis

BSC-TCMP-302: Tuina

BSC-TCMT-302: Clinical patterns

BSC-WMS-302: Pharmacology

## YEAR FOUR SEMESTER 1

BSC-CLN-401: Student clinic

BSC-DDX-401: Differential diagnosis

BSC-PROF-401: Professional issues

BSC-RES-401: Research methods

BSC-TCMT-401: Major Chinese classics

## SEMESTER 2

BSC-CLN-402: Student clinic

BSC-DDX-402: Differential diagnosis

BSC-RES-402: Research in practice

BSC-SBM-402: Clinic management

BSC-TCMT-402: Chinese medical specialties

# DIPLOMA OF CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINE

Level	7
Credits	336
Duration	3 years (full time)
Start Date	February
Fees	See fees table

## PC2448- Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine

### About the Programme

The Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine (CHM) engages students in an in-depth exploration of the clinical usage of approximately 200 of the most useful Chinese herbal formulas. This diploma is for students who wish to become Chinese herbal medicine practitioners.

### Course Content

This three-year programme of study comprises TCM medical science, Western biosciences and Chinese herbal medicine specific studies.

### Career Opportunities

Graduates of our CHM diploma combine it with their BHS Acupuncture and or Tuina qualifications and trend toward establishing private practices of their own, join or establish multidisciplinary traditional Chinese medicine private practices.



### Postgraduate Studies

The Diploma of CHM provides a pathway to enter the Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture) programme, or a CHM degree programme with our partner Chinese universities.

Bachelor graduates, in addition to NZSATCM's own postgraduate Master of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) programme, have the opportunity to undertake Master's and Doctorate studies at the following partner institutions:

- Southern Medical University, Guangzhou
- Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine
- Hubei University of Chinese Medicine, Wuhan.

### Entry Criteria

- Enrolments are only open to Year 2 NZSATCM BHSc students

# Diploma of Chinese Herbal Medicine Subjects

## YEAR ONE SEMESTER 1

H-HBSP-101: Materia medica  
H-PROF-101: Professional studies

H-TCMT-101: TCM theory  
H-WMS-101: Anatomy, physiology  
H-WMS-111: Microbiology

## SEMESTER 2

H-HBSP-102: Materia medica  
H-CLN-102: Observation

H-TCMT-102: TCM theory  
H-WMS-102: Anatomy, physiology  
H-WMS-112: Human development

## YEAR TWO SEMESTER 1

H-CLN-201: Clinical assistant  
H-DDX-201: Diagnosis  
H-HBSP-201: Classical formulae

H-TCMT-201: TCM theory  
H-WMS-201: Pathology

## SEMESTER 2

H-CLN-202: Clinical assistant  
H-DDX-202: Diagnosis  
H-HBSP-202: Classical formulae

H-TCMT-202: TCM theory  
H-WMS-202: Pathology

## YEAR THREE SEMESTER 1

H-CLN-301: Clinical training  
H-DDX-301: Diagnosis  
H-HBSP-301: Modern formulating  
H-TCMT-301: Clinical patterns  
H-TCMT-311: Chinese medical classics

## SEMESTER 2

H-CLN-302: Clinical training  
H-DDX-302: Diagnosis  
H-HBSP-302: Modern formulating  
H-SBM-302: Clinical management  
H-TCMT-302: Clinical patterns



# DIPLOMA OF TUINA

Level	7
Credits	271
Duration	2 years (full time)
Start Date	February
Fees	See fees table

## PC3663- Diploma of Tuina

### About the Programme

Tuina is Chinese medical massage. Our aim is to explore the theoretical and practical knowledge of Chinese medical massage in order to prepare graduates to practice Tuina in a contemporary, primary healthcare context alongside acupuncture and CHM, as part of the network of primary healthcare providers, tailoring treatments to the requirements of patients.

### Course Content

The qualification is presented in a two-year program of study comprising TCM medical science, Western biosciences, Tuina specific theoretical studies and manual manipulation techniques.

### Post Graduate Studies

The two-year Diploma of Tuina programme provides a pathway to enter the Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture) and or Chinese Herbal Medicine programmes.

Bachelor graduates, in addition to NZSATCM's own postgraduate Master of Health Science (Chinese Medicine) programme, have the opportunity to undertake Master's and Doctorate studies at our partner institutions:

- Southern Medical University, Guangzhou
- Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine
- Hubei University of Chinese Medicine, Wuhan.

### Career Opportunities

Graduates of our diploma of Tuina trend toward combining it with the Bachelor of Acupuncture and or the CHM diploma in practice. They establish private practices of their own, join or establish multidisciplinary practices or take advantage of flexible opportunities working as locums in existing Tuina practices.

### Entry Criteria

- Enrolments are only open to Year 2 NZSATCM BHSc students





# Diploma of Tuina Subjects



**YEAR ONE SEMESTER 1**  
T-PROF-101: Professional studies  
  
T-TCMT-101: TCM theory  
T-TUIP-101: Tuina  
T-WMS-101: Anatomy, physiology  
T-WMS-111: Microbiology

**SEMESTER 2**  
T-CLN-102: Clinical assistant  
  
T-TCMT-102: TCM theory  
T-TUIP-102: Tuina  
T-WMS-102: Anatomy, physiology  
T-WMS-112: Human development

**YEAR TWO SEMESTER 1**  
T-CLN-201: Clinical assistant  
T-TCMT-201: TCM theory  
T-TUIP-201: Tuina  
T-DDX-201: Diagnosis  
T-WMS-201: Pathology

**SEMESTER 2**  
T-CLN-202: Clinical training  
T-TCMT-202: TCM theory  
T-TUIP-202: Tuina  
T-DDX-202: Diagnosis  
T-WMS-202: Pathology

"I wanted to study English and set up a business. It was a big change for me. Now, thanks to the School and its teachers, I have graduated and have a growing business,"

Dongming Su graduated with the Diploma of Tuina in November 2011. Within a week, he opened a clinic in Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand.



# CERTIFICATE IN ACUPUNCTURE (MIDWIFERY)

Level	7
Credits	21
Duration	Six, 2-day workshops over 26 weekends
Start Date	February
Fees	See fees table

## Certificate in Acupuncture Midwifery

### About the Programme

This training scheme is intended to provide individuals who are registered midwives a way to safely practice acupuncture and moxibustion within a midwifery scope of practice according to the New Zealand School of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine's clinical practice guidelines for Midwives. Participants will be provided with the knowledge, skills and application strategies for providing treatment outcomes that will meet the requirements of women in pregnancy, labour and postnatal recovery.

### Course Content

- Induction
- Posterior and breech positions
- Prebirth acupuncture to facilitate an efficient labour
- Pain relief and problems during labour, including cervical lip, failure to progress and retained placenta
- Pregnancy induced hypertension
- Nausea and vomiting
- Heart burn
- Constipation and hemorrhoids
- Vulval varicosities and varicose veins
- Insomnia
- Musculoskeletal problems including back pain and symphysis pubis pain
- Postnatal treatments including postnatal pain, breastfeeding problems and depression



### Training

Reflective learning is built into directed learning hours through required assessments and within workshops through structured discussion of the treatments administered.

The programme is a series of six two-day weekend workshops over 26 weeks on using acupuncture during pregnancy, birth and postpartum. Each day includes TCM theory with sessions of practical acupuncture treatment.

### Onsite:

Learning is a series of six, two day weekend workshops on using acupuncture during pregnancy, birth and postpartum. Each face-to-face workshop combines TCM theory with sessions of practical acupuncture. Resources to conduct classes are supplied by the school.

### Online:

Online learning relates to the clinical practice of acupuncture between the onsite workshops. It is expected that you will need to allow 3 hours per week to participate in this online learning. This will include background reading, participating in forums and documenting your acupuncture treatments on a database. You will need to have a broadband internet connection available.

### Offsite:

You will be treating women in the community with acupuncture as part of these three practical hours a week over 26 weeks. In addition to using acupuncture you will also be teaching acupressure and moxibustion techniques to the women and their partners/support people that are then used as part of the care.



## Career Opportunities

### Award Points:

A total of twenty elective education points will be awarded on successful completion of this training scheme by the New Zealand Midwifery Council.

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Debra's book, ***The Essential Guide to Acupuncture in Pregnancy and Childbirth*** and a free booklet on using acupressure for pain relief in labour can be viewed at: [acupuncture.rhizome.net.nz](http://acupuncture.rhizome.net.nz)

## Entry Criteria

The Certificate in Acupuncture- Midwifery is restricted to Midwives who hold a current midwifery practicing certificate.

## Instruction

The programme is taught by Debra Betts, who holds a PhD in acupuncture with a private practice in Wellington, NZ focused on pregnancy-related issues. She has been a teacher of TCM at the school since 1995 and regularly lectures overseas on the use of acupuncture in obstetrics.



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



## You Need to Know About:

- Language Requirements
- Fees protection
- Immigration
- Medical insurance
- Code of practice

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority requires English language proficiency indicated as follows:

- For a level 9 Degree, IELTS academic score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6.
- For a level 7 Diploma or Degree, IELTS academic score of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5.

## FEES PROTECTION

The New Zealand Government requires that all New Zealand Qualifications Authority registered private training establishments (education providers) must protect all student fees paid to them in advance. This means that in the unlikely event that the education provider has to close before the completion of the student's course, the remainder of the student fees will be protected. Fees protected within a trust account means that the student will have the choice to receive any remaining fees back or have them paid directly to an alternative education provider.

The School arranges fee protection with Public Trust. Fees deposited and protected by Public Trust are held in the Trust's common funds. Details of fee protection with Public Trust are on its website at: [publictrust.co.nz](http://publictrust.co.nz)

## IMMIGRATION

International students must meet certain visa requirements while studying in New Zealand. Information on visa application, variation to visa conditions and rights to employment is available on the immigration New Zealand website at: [immigration.govt.nz](http://immigration.govt.nz)

## MEDICAL INSURANCE

International students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand unless they are a resident or citizen of Australia, or a national of the United Kingdom in New Zealand, or the holder of a temporary permit that is valid for two years or more.

If a student does not belong to one of these categories and receives medical treatment while in New Zealand, they will be liable for the full costs of that treatment.

The School cannot be held responsible for any sickness, injury, damage or loss incurred by the student within the School or on the School's activities or tours, or in the students place of accommodation. Insurance cover is compulsory by law for all international students.

Students are advised to take up travel/medical insurance prior to arrival in New Zealand. This gives insurance cover for travel to New Zealand and the cost of medical treatment in New Zealand for the duration of study at the School.

Depending on illness, medical history and the policy type, a student may receive refund of all or most of their medical costs from the insurance organisation.

### **INTERNATIONAL CODE OF PRACTICE**

The Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students sets out the minimum standards of advice and care that are expected of educational providers with respect to international students. The Code applies to pastoral care and provision of information only, and not to academic standards.

The School is a signatory to, and has agreed to observe and be bound by, the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from the School or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at: [mine-du.govt.nz](http://minedu.govt.nz).

As a supportive and friendly place to learn, the School is a nurturing ground for international students, pursuing a career in acupuncture and TCM.

We provide quality support services to help international students adjust to living and studying in New Zealand. Learning support and counseling services are available to facilitate the success of the student.



The appreciation of acupuncture as a discipline for delivering healing grew as Sejal Patel started her study. It took a leap after she received acupuncture treatment for a long-standing problem.

"It worked. The wonderful thing was this convinced my mother to also receive treatment and she felt better. I know my mother had fully accepted my new career choice when I heard her telling extended family members all about acupuncture," said Sejal.

"Looking back, I think my mother had contributed to the choice I made. Her use of traditional indian home remedies like ginger, tumeric and tulsi had given me confidence in alternative medicines from a young age."

# Campus Locations

Auckland



Auckland Location



**Your Notes:**

# Contact Us



## WELLINGTON

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