

CHINESE MEDICINE



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**CENTRE FOR
COMPLEMENTARY
& ALTERNATIVE
MEDICINE**

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What is IMU's Chinese Medicine Programme About?



Learning of meridians and acupoints for acupuncture practice.

OVERVIEW

The programme consists of 5 years (11 semesters) of academic and clinical training. IMU has partnerships with several universities in China and Australia. They are the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SHUTCM), Shandong University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SDUTCM), Guangzhou University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (GZUTCM) and RMIT University, Australia. Students can transfer to these partner universities after completing 3 years of studies at IMU. After an additional 2 years in their university of choice, they will be awarded the Bachelor Degree in Chinese Medicine by the respective partner universities. Students on the local track also have the opportunity to embark on a 5 months clinical attachment in overseas. Additionally, local track students have the option to embark on a 6 months to 1 year internship in China upon completing studies at IMU.

Students are given a solid foundation in medical knowledge. They are trained to understand the human body from its structure and physiology, through to pathology and sickness in both western sciences and Chinese Medicine perspectives. During year 5,

students are attached to hospital and clinic. They are required to put their learned knowledge into practice for a total of 40 weeks under close supervision of experienced Chinese Medicine practitioners.

DEGREE / DURATION

**Bachelor of Science (Hons)
in Chinese Medicine (IMU)
– 5 years**

**Degree from partner
universities – 5 years**

COMMENCEMENT

September

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

AUSTRALIA



CHINA



A Word from the Programme Director

“ Chinese Medicine is a holistic medicine consisting of health preservation and healing practices which is originated from China but is still in practice today. Malaysia is moving towards integrated practice in healthcare and has enforced the Traditional and Complementary Medicine Act (T&CM Act) 2016 since 1 August 2016 with 15 government hospitals providing T&CM services. In line with the national policy, the Chinese Medicine programme in IMU is delivered in an integrative manner, where students will acquire knowledge from both Chinese Medicine and western medicine. By delivering our programme in English, we open the doors to everyone who is keen to learn Chinese Medicine without the constraint of needing to first master Mandarin. Through such studies, students will equip themselves with evidence-based medical knowledge to deal with future challenges locally or internationally as a healthcare provider. ”

DR WONG HON FOONG

Senior Lecturer and Programme Director
BMed TCM (SDUTCM), MSc (Imperial-UCL), PhD (SHUTCM)

How Does the Programme Work?



Traditional cupping therapy with fire and glass on the back of a patient.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

MPU SHORT SEMESTER	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4	SEMESTER 5
MPU – U1: Penghayatan Etika dan Peradaban, or Malay Language Communication 2 MPU – U1: Philosophy and Current Issues MPU3 Work Life Balance	Chinese Medicine Theory Scientific Thinking and Introduction to Traditional and Complementary Medicine Limb & Trunk Anatomy Selective: Medical Classical Chinese Selective: Traditional Chinese Medicine Culture and Basic Mandarin MPU2 English for Health Sciences / Bahasa Kebangsaan A	Human Physiology and Biochemistry 1 Head and Viscera Anatomy Cell Biology and Genetics Chinese Medicine Diagnosis Chinese Medicine History and School of Thought	Human Physiology and Biochemistry 2 Chinese Materia Medica and Herbal Formulae 1 Acupuncture and Tuina 1 Selected Readings of Internal Classic	Chinese Materia Medica and Herbal Formulae 2 Psychology for Healthcare Professional Pharmacology and Toxicology Pathology Medical Microbiology Chinese Medicine Practicum 1	Chinese Internal Medicine 1 Acupuncture and Tuina 2 CSD: Diagnosis Basic Radiology MPU4 Social Responsibility
SEMESTER 6	SEMESTER 7	SEMESTER 8	SEMESTER 9	SEMESTER 10	
CM Electives Chinese Internal Medicine 2 Shang Han Lun Differential Diagnosis in Western Medicine Chinese Medicine Practicum 2	CM Gynaecology CM Paediatrics Golden Chamber Management and Entrepreneurship Research Methodology and Biostatistics	CM Electives Research Project 1 Chinese Dermatology and External Medicine Wen Bing Medical Law, Regulations & Ethics First Aid and Emergency Conditions Chinese Medicine Practicum 3	Supervised Clinical Practice 1 Research Project 2	Supervised Clinical Practice 2	

The curriculum is reviewed periodically and is subject to change.

The MPU modules are compulsory modules imposed by Ministry of Higher Education under the Private Higher Educational Institutions Act 1996 (Act 555). All students must take these modules and pass as a prerequisite for the award of the degree.

How Does the Programme Work?

ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed through both in-course assessment and end-of-semester examinations. Assessment methods include: written assignment, laboratory report, presentation, quiz, problem-based learning, case-based learning, skill-based practical exam and clinical exam.

CLINICAL PRACTICE

Students will first start their clinical practices in a simulated environment. Simulated clinical practices are available from as early as Year 1. They will also start observing Chinese Medicine practitioners in clinical settings.

From Year 3, students will start to practise in the real-world environment. Students are required to collect a wide range of case records for each clinical subjects. They then proceed to a 40-week long clinical practices under close supervision of experienced Chinese Medicine practitioners. These supervised clinical practice sessions are conducted at IMU Chinese Medicine Centre, Tung Shin Hospital and other appointed clinical sites.

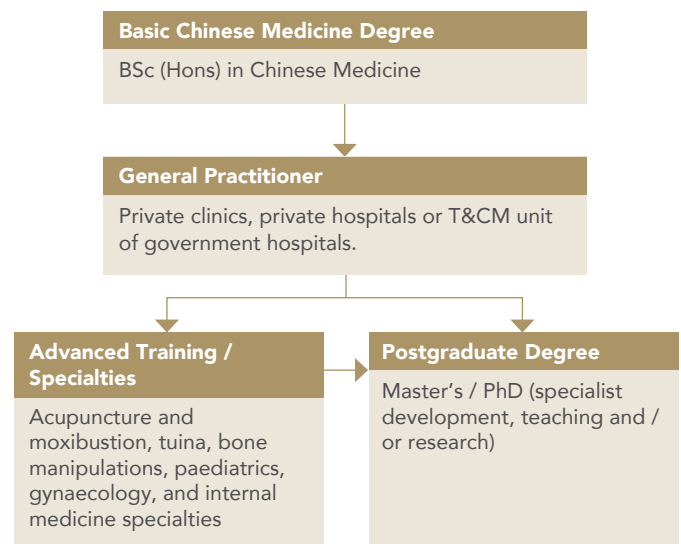
CAREER PATHWAY

Once registered with the T&CM Council, graduates of Chinese Medicine programme can work in any of these positions:

- Chinese Medicine (herbal) practitioners or acupuncturists who collaborate as a team offering integrative healthcare services.
- Chinese Medicine general (herbal and acupuncture) practitioners who are employed in a T&CM Unit of government hospital or private Chinese Medicine hospital.

- Chinese Medicine general (herbal and acupuncture) practitioners who are employed or self-employed in a private Chinese Medicine centre.
- Medical translators and/or interpreters.
- Executives of Chinese Medicine centre, medical insurance company, medical equipment manufacturer, distributor or importer.
- Chinese Medicine specialists after completing advanced postgraduate training.
- Chinese Medicine lecturers in a tertiary higher education institution after completing postgraduate studies.
- Researchers who work in an academic institution or a pharmaceutical company.

CAREER PATHS FOR CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS



Learn from Our Experienced Lecturers



DR WONG ZHI HANG

Senior Lecturer, Head of Department
BMedTCM (SDUTCM),
MMed (SDUTCM), PhD (NUCM)

Dr Wong Zhi Hang currently is a Senior Lecturer of Chinese Medicine. He has been teaching in IMU for over 10 years and practicing as a Chinese Medicine clinician for over 12 years. He specialises in using Chinese medicine methods to treat rheumatology diseases. His experience includes working with public, private, and non-governmental organisations and at universities, as an academician. Dr Wong was awarded Best Faculty in 2014 and 2018. He also serves as a member of the T&CM council is a frequent contributor to local magazines and newspapers.



DR WONG HON FOONG

Senior Lecturer and Programme Director
BMed TCM (SDUTCM), MSc History of
Science, Medicine and Technology
(Imperial-UCL), PhD (SHUTCM)

Dr Wong Hon Foong is a senior lecturer and a registered Chinese Medicine practitioner attached to the Centre for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Dr Wong is also a historian of science and medicine. Having studied in both China and the United Kingdom, he has experience blending the understanding of the east and west towards medicine. He was a guest lecturer at Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in 2019-2021. Currently, he is an associate editor of the Chinese Medicine and Culture journal. His research focuses on the classical literature of Chinese Medicine and its application and translational work, as well as history of Chinese Medicine. He has published several articles regarding the historical development of traditional Chinese Medicine in Malaysia, and presented a research on telemedicine.

Learn from Our Experienced Lecturers



SIN YEN SUAN

Lecturer
BSc (NTU), BMedTCM (BUCM),
Master (LUTCM)

Sin Yen Suan is a lecturer of the IMU Chinese Medicine Department, Centre for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. She has been a Chinese Medicine clinician for over 10 years. She was a formal clinician and assistant lead physician in Fertility Clinic at Singapore Thong Chai Medical Institution. She specialises in treating gynaecology and paediatric problems. Ms Sin has been practising Chinese Medicine and acupuncture in Singapore and Malaysia. With special interest in male and female infertility problems as well as paediatrics, Ms Sin is also involved in academic research and publications on infertility issues. She is actively involved in Chinese Medicine educational talks and academic teaching for Chinese Medicine students.



FREYA TANG SIN WEI

Lecturer
BSc (Hons) CM (IMU), MMed (TUTCM)

Freya Tang Sin Wei is a lecturer in IMU Chinese Medicine department. She graduated from IMU and Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. She had experience working for Hospital Lam Wah Ee in Penang. She has been teaching undergraduate Acupuncture modules in IMU for more than 3 years, known for incorporating active learning methods such as games, role plays, case discussions in her teaching. As a clinician, she specialises in using acupuncture, cupping, moxibustion and Chinese herbal medicine to treat various diseases. She is also an active researcher with interest in COVID-19, allergy and mental illnesses.

What Our Alumni Say



“ My time at IMU opened my eyes to the wonders of Chinese Medicine practice and provided a solid foundation in both western medical sciences and Chinese Medicine. The clinical attachment allowed me to develop my skills and enhanced my passion for Chinese Medicine. ”

Bavithaa A/P Verasamy Alumna
Dean's List and Tun Zahir Merit Award Winner

“ As the world is developing and improving rapidly, the field of healthcare should always keep updating. Medical field has no ground for complacency. I am thankful that IMU provided us different views and knowledge in both Chinese Medicine and modern medicine perspectives. These benefit us by having the ability to communicate, or have the chances to co-operate with healthcare practitioners from different fields throughout our studies at IMU even after graduation. Other than that, essential soft skills such as presenting, communicating and organising skills, are trained and developed from student's self-learning sessions and self-organised workshops, which are the most representative features of IMU in conducting the programme. ”

Lee Chun Yang Alumnus



“ IMU is where I learned more than just Chinese Medicine knowledge and skills. Professionalism is emphasised in IMU and we are well-equipped with soft skills such as communication, teamwork, and work ethic that make us more assertive in dealing with patients and colleagues at work. Furthermore, supervised clinical practice in the final semester provided a great opportunity for us to put our Chinese Medicine knowledge and skills that we learned to good use. It gave us early exposure to the working environment before graduation and trained us to be competent and independent while handling patients with various health concerns. Our clinic supervisors are knowledgeable and they never hesitate to share their clinical experiences with us. It is an honor to have supervisors who are always there to guide me along my journey in IMU. ”

Lau Kai Sze Alumna, Dean's List and Tun Zahir Merit Award Winner

“ One of the best decisions I have ever made is studying Chinese Medicine (CM) in IMU. IMU cultivates me into a professional CM physician even before graduation. For instance, in the final year, I can handle my own patient and have proper hands-on under guidance from the professors. Another thing I like about Chinese Medicine in IMU is that it focuses not only on CM-related theory, but it also incorporates western medicine syllabus throughout the programme. This provides diversification, hence the reason I chose IMU. Throughout the years of my studies, there were multiple challenges. Thankfully, the lecturers, who are caring and supportive, made the environment a conducive one to learn and grow. Thus, I am forever grateful to them. Honestly, I do not regret studying Chinese Medicine in IMU at all, as this was one of the best phases of my life. “We are small but we are STRONG!” ”

Jared Chai Yung Kang Alumnus



Why Study Chinese Medicine at IMU?

1

An Established Private Healthcare University

IMU is Malaysia's first and most established private medical and healthcare university with over 31 years of dedicated focus in healthcare education. IMU achieved the SETARA-2018/2019 Tier 6 status (Outstanding) under the Mature University category.

2

Strong Basic Sciences and Western Medicine Component

IMU offers a wide range of medical and healthcare programmes. The basic sciences and Western Medicine subjects in Chinese Medicine are delivered by experienced western medicine practitioners. Not only are students able to fully immerse in a solid medical science learning environment, they could also enhance their learning through inter-professional networking and activities at IMU.

3

Internationally Benchmarked English Curriculum

IMU is one of the few universities in Malaysia to offer Chinese Medicine in an English-speaking environment. The programme is delivered in English, is supported with Mandarin when required, and is accepted by Australia and China for credit transfer. Both our partner universities in Australia and China are part of the large World Health Organization (WHO) Chinese Medicine research centre network.

4

Student-Centred and Lifelong Learning Emphasis

The IMU educational philosophy is not about how many lectures are delivered. Instead, it emphasises on how much students have learned. This unique approach encourages students to be responsible for their own studies. As such, many learning activities are centred around students, from which they will hone their critical thinking and clinical skills to become competent lifelong Chinese Medicine practitioners in the modern world.

5

Personalised Attention from Lecturers

Students are able to receive personalised attention from their lecturers due to an emphasis on small group learning. This enhances the teaching and learning experience for students.

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PROGRAMMES AT IMU

Pre-University

Foundation in Science

KPT/JPT(R2/010/3/0186)09/2028

MQA/FA3974

Undergraduate

Biomedical Science

KPT/JPT(R3/421/6/0011)12/2027

MQA/A8230

Chinese Medicine

KPT/JPT(R2/721/6/0059)01/2027

MQA/A10260

Chiropractic

KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0054)08/2026

MQA/A9294

Dentistry

KPT/JPT(R3/724/6/0010)01/2030

MQA/FA7026

Dietetics with Nutrition

KPT/JPT(R2/726/6/0021)09/2029

MQA/A8176

Digital Health

KPT/JPT(N/482/6/0209)03/2028

MQA/PSA14380

Medical Biotechnology

KPT/JPT(R2/545/6/0014)09/2027

MQA/FA15505

Medicine

KPT/JPT(R2/721/6/0033)09/2026

MQA/FA6155

Nutrition

KPT/JPT(R2/726/6/0011)06/2027

MQA/FA1298

Nursing

KPT/JPT(R/723/6/0125)04/2027

MQA/FA8944

KPT/JPT(N-DL/0913/6/0001)09/2029

MQA/PA14397

Pharmaceutical Chemistry

KPT/JPT(R3/442/6/0003)01/2028

MQA/A8229

Pharmacy

KPT/JPT(R2/727/6/0050)09/2026

MQA/FA8374

Psychology

KPT/JPT(R3/311/6/0013)09/2027

MQA/A8177

Postgraduate

Acupuncture (MSc)

KPT/JPT(R/721/7/0071)03/2027

MQA/SWA8570

Analytical & Pharmaceutical Chemistry (MSc)

KPT/JPT(R2-CDL/442/7/0001)01/2027

KPT/JPT(N-DL/442/7/0022)02/2026

MQA/FA1191

Business Administration in Healthcare Management (PG Cert/PG Dip/Master)

KPT/JPT(R/345/7/1082)09/2028

MQA/PSA11354

KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1090)12/2023

MQA/SWA11355

KPT/JPT(R/345/7/1085)10/2028

MQA/SWA11353

Counselling (Master)

KPT/JPT(N/762/7/0046)09/2026

MQA/PA12002

Diabetes Management & Education (PG Dip)

KPT/JPT(R/726/7/0030)01/2028

MQA/SWA9086

KPT/JPT(N-DL/0915/7/0004)11/2027

MQA/PSA16046

Endodontics (PG Dip)

KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0043)05/2024

MQA/SWA12162

Health Informatics and Analytics (PG Cert/PG Dip/Master)

KPT/JPT(N/720/7/0131)09/2025

MQA/PSA13973

KPT/JPT(N/720/7/0130)09/2025

MQA/PSA13972

KPT/JPT(N/720/7/0129)09/2025

MQA/PSA13974

Health Professions Education (PG Cert/PG Dip/Master)

KPT/JPT(R/145/7/0066)09/2025

MQA/SWA05162

KPT/JPT(R/145/7/0064)09/2025

MQA/PA5163

KPT/JPT(R/145/7/0070)09/2025

MQA/SWA5164

KPT/JPT(N-DL/145/7/0120)02/2026

MQA/SWA05162

Implant Dentistry (PG Dip)

KPT/JPT(R/724/7/0019)06/2026

MQA/SWA6111

Molecular Medicine (MSc)

KPT/JPT(R2/545/7/0078)07/2027

MQA/FA1299

KPT/JPT(N-DL/545/7/0101)09/2025

MQA/SWA11357

Pharmacy Practice (Master)

KPT/JPT(R/727/7/0051)03/2024

MQA/SWA02796

Prosthodontics (PG Dip)

KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0042)05/2024

MQA/SWA12163

Public Health (MSc)

KPT/JPT(R2/720/7/0077)09/2025

MQA/A10261

KPT/JPT(R-DL/720/7/0811)09/2028

MQA/SWA11356

Medical & Health Sciences (MSc/PhD)

KPT/JPT(R2/720/7/0049)06/2026

MQA/A10618

KPT/JPT(R2/721/8/0043)01/2027

MQA/A3767



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