

DEGREE	Master of Science in Traditional Chinese Medicine (MSTCM)	Doctorate in Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (DACM)	Transitional Doctorate in Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (transitional DACM)	Doctorate in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (DAOM)
Who is the program for?	The MSTCM is a first professional master's degree designed for those wishing to enter the acupuncture profession.	The DACM is a first professional doctoral degree designed for those wishing to enter the acupuncture profession.	The transitional DACM is designed for acupuncturists who hold an MSTCM degree and wish to achieve the advanced competencies in the DACM program.	The DAOM is a postgraduate doctorate for acupuncturists wishing to specialize in pain management and women's health.
Goals of the program	First professional master's degree leading to licensure as a licensed acupuncturist	First professional doctoral degree leading to licensure as a licensed acupuncturist, including more advanced skills in the areas of systems-based medicine, integrative care and the application of research to clinical practice	Degree for graduates of the MSTCM program who wish to develop the more advanced skills found in the DACM program, including systems-based medicine, integrative care and the application of research to clinical practice	Degree specializing in advanced skills in pain management, women's health and integrative care, as well as the application of research literature to clinical practice
Clinical training	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Students may complete part of their clinical training in China and apply these hours toward their degree.)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Prior education required to enter	3 years of undergraduate training	3 years of undergraduate training	MSTCM	Master's degree in Oriental Medicine or equivalent
Program length	176 semester credits 3,120 hours (full-time: 3.5 to 4 years)	192 semester 3,390 hours (full-time: 4 years)	21 credits 315 hours (2 semesters)	42.75 semester credits 1,225 hours (full-time: 2 years plus 1 semester)
Program format	Classroom plus clinical training	Classroom plus clinical training	Classroom plus online component	Classroom plus clinical training
Program schedule	Weekly classes and clinic shifts	Weekly classes and clinic shifts	Monthly weekend modules (Friday through Monday) plus online component	Monthly weekend modules (Friday through Monday)
Research component	Coursework on research in acupuncture and Chinese medicine.	Coursework on acupuncture and Chinese medicine. Application of research to clinical practice.	Coursework on acupuncture and Chinese medicine. Application of research to clinical practice.	Coursework on acupuncture and Chinese medicine, Chinese medicine, Application of research to clinical practice. Includes Capstone thesis.
Capstone	No	No	No	Yes
Estimated tuition	\$87,120	\$95,040	\$10,395	\$33,474
Location of didactic work	Arkansas and De Haro campuses, external clinic sites	Arkansas and De Haro campuses, external clinic sites	None	De Haro campus and external clinic sites