

## Study Abroad Program

The Study Abroad program offers you the unparalleled opportunity to witness the authentic practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) combined with Western medicine as a primary care medical system, where large volumes of patients with a wide variety of conditions are treated.

Accompanied by Five Branches' native Chinese- or Korean-speaking faculty and 20–30 Master's and Doctoral students, you can travel to Asia for a period of two to four weeks to receive specialized TCM and integrative medicine training in an affiliated hospital and outpatient center at one of our five sister schools, in China, Taiwan or Korea.

You can complete up to 25% of your clinical training requirements at one of the following Universities: Zhejiang Chinese Medical University, Liaoning University of TCM, Tianjin University of TCM, China Medical University, and Daejeon University and receive specialized training in internal medicine, oncology, pediatrics, gynecology, TCM trauma or other medical specialties, based on faculty availability.

Using a translator, you will train with world class practitioners who possess a strong knowledge in the theories and clinical applications of TCM. All of the schools in this program are AAA rated and offer the latest in modern medical technology.

## Travel Throughout Asia

After training in the hospital, join faculty and fellow students on daily excursions to historical sites, shopping, tasting local delights or enjoying the area's scenic gardens, pagodas and museums.

Considered one of the world's top travel destinations, China offers travelers stunning natural beauty, bustling city experiences and more than 5000 years of rich cultural heritage.



Explore Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall of China in Beijing, experience the striking scenery of the mountains of Guilin and Yangshao rising up from the rice paddy fields, or relax in spectacular hot springs while enjoying centuries-old wellness treatments in China.

With an infrastructure that allows easy travel by plane, ship, car or train, you can extend your stay and travel throughout Asia to engage in activities like swimming with elephants in Thailand, diving the multitude of coral reefs that surround the islands of the Philippines or mastering the art of meditation and tea ceremony during a temple stay in Korea.

This valuable international experience will complement your academic curriculum, broaden your perspective of the Asian culture and be highly regarded by future employers.

*It is amazing how much of my Chinese medicine studies were integrated just by being there, experiencing Chinese culture for a short time. My recommendation is that Five Branches make this trip a mandatory part of the program.*

—KARI KNAPSTAD, L.A.C.