

Welcome to Five Branches

Your interest in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) comes at an advantageous time; as TCM continues to grow, so does the need for qualified practitioners.

Traditional Chinese Medicine is the main healthcare modality for more than 20% of the world's population, and is the fastest-growing primary healthcare in the U.S. Statistics indicate this consistent growth pattern will continue, as Chinese medicine is increasingly sought by Americans who have experienced its healing benefits. Significantly, the U.S. National Institute of Health has recognized acupuncture as a valid, effective and safe medicine.

TCM and Western medicine differ profoundly, yet for more than 70 years they have been offered side-by-side in Chinese hospitals and universities. In the last five years, integrative medicine has made great strides in the United States: Western medical schools are offering courses in complementary and alternative medicine, a recent survey indicates more than 50% of M.D.'s today support their patients seeking alternative therapies, and more recently, Five Branches and the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Berkeley, California have started to work together to offer TCM to their patients.

When you study TCM you are choosing to become immersed in a 5000-year-old healing tradition passed down for generations in China. You will learn the great TCM classics and their clinical applications to become an expert acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist. The study of this precious body of knowledge provides a deep understanding of the energy body and the ancient and profound principles of TCM diagnosis and treatment.

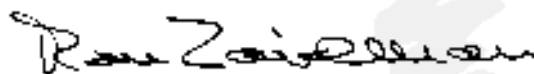
Our Western medical curriculum provides you with the knowledge and skills to perform as an effective primary healthcare practitioner working in harmony with the wider medical profession. The Institute of Medicine (IOM), the leading think tank for defining healthcare for the 21st century, has made patient-centered care and multi-disciplinary medicine their top two priorities. Five Branches' programs embody both of these important goals.

We believe that Traditional Chinese Medicine will play a growing and central role in future healthcare and medical systems. Our goal is to serve, and we are devoted to the transmission of this profound body of knowledge to the next generation of sincere and dedicated students and future practitioners.

We invite you to visit our beautiful campuses in California: in Santa Cruz on the Monterey Bay, and in San Jose on Santana Row, to further explore TCM, its ancient wisdom and understandings, and what the field of integrative medicine can offer you. If a career in Traditional Chinese Medicine is indeed your calling, know that you will be amply rewarded with a meaningful and satisfying career that will benefit you beyond your expectations and allow you to experience the fulfillment of serving others: your friends, family and patients.

Thank you for your interest in Five Branches University, Graduate School of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Sincerely,



Ron Zaidman
President & CEO



RON ZAIDMAN
PRESIDENT & CEO

Points of Excellence

Respected University

Throughout its 25-year history, Five Branches University has evolved to keep pace with the growing demands of the Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) profession and has set the standards for excellence in traditional Chinese and integrative medicine education. Our nationally accredited Master of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and Asian Bodywork and Qigong programs are among the most highly regarded in the U.S. and abroad.

Our unmatched professional partnerships with Zhejiang Chinese Medical University, Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, and Stanford University offer you outstanding educational and career opportunities around the world, including earning a Doctorate and Ph.D.

Five Branches offers leading-edge Master's and Doctoral programs which effectively integrate both

Chinese and Western medicine into the curriculum. This has landed our graduates top-paying positions at medical institutions such as Kaiser Permanente.

Top Academic Experts

At Five Branches, you will learn from the most experienced faculty in TCM education. Many of our TCM and Western medicine faculty have decades of experience teaching and practicing in China's and America's renowned hospitals and medical schools. Our faculty members are experts in their chosen disciplines and are dedicated to the teaching, service and practice of TCM.

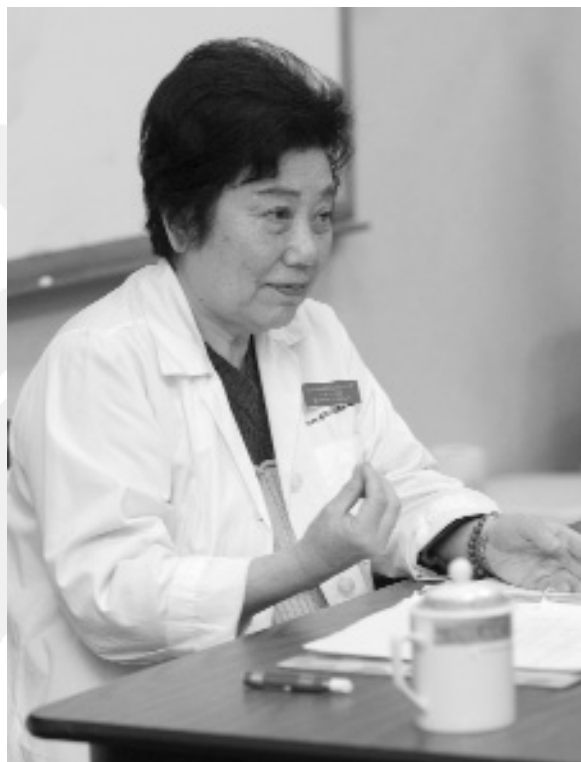
Our faculty members are your personal advisors, committed to your personal development, providing lifelong mentorship. Your learning is enriched in the presence of these faculty members who are the best in their fields. It is our faculty's dedication and personal commitment to students that sets Five Branches apart from other TCM colleges.

Integrative Medicine at its Best

Throughout the MTCM program, you will not only find the ancient roots of TCM woven into the core of the curriculum, but you will be apprised of the latest TCM research and your clinical training courses will incorporate the best of Western medical technology. Our integrative program will provide you with the knowledge and skills to excel as a primary healthcare practitioner who works in harmony with the worldwide healthcare system.

Extensive Herbology Training

Five Branches University is respected among TCM colleges for its outstanding herbology department. Among our instructors are descendants of famous Chinese herbalists, such as Dr. Jun Kam Pang. Our herb pharmacy contains more than 400 raw herbs, catalogued and stored in traditional wooden drawers, and 350 patent formulas. Beginning in your first semester, you will receive training to become an expert Chinese herbalist.



Sharon Feng
teaching a class

Become a Specialist

Five Branches University offers you the opportunity for intensive study and certification in medical specialties. Advanced specialty courses in Medical Qigong, Sports Medicine, Five Element Acupuncture, TCM Gynecology, Pediatrics, Oncology, the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) method, Orthopedic Shiatsu, Tuina Massage, and other TCM specialties can enhance your TCM practice.

Study and Travel in China

The Study in China program is one of the best ways to witness the authentic practice of TCM and to experience integrative medicine seamlessly interconnected, as it has been practiced in China for decades. You may complete up to 25% of your clinical training at the affiliated hospitals of our sister college, Zhejiang Chinese Medical University. When you are not immersed in training, join fellow students on an exploration of China, from the breathtaking beauty of the Yangtze River to adventurous treks in Tibet.

Two Beautiful Locations

One block from the beach, the Five Branches Santa Cruz campus offers you the opportunity to live and study amidst beautiful beaches and redwood forests. On the Monterey Bay, Santa Cruz offers you the ambience of a small coastal town and a cultural life that is both diverse and progressive. If you like sunshine, natural beauty and holistic living, Santa Cruz is the place for you!

In San Jose, the social heart of Silicon Valley and a short walk to the prestigious Santana Row, our campus provides you with the opportunity to immerse yourself in the high energy and excitement of a big city. If you thrive on consistently sunny and mild weather and the wide variety of shopping, restaurants and cultural events offered in a bustling commercial metropolis, then San Jose is your destination of choice!



Career Development

While the majority of graduates from Five Branches University enter practice as sole proprietors, opportunities in integrative practice, corporate wellness, academics, publishing and other fields are continually increasing. Whatever your career of choice, our career development department will guide and support you in pursuing your optimal career path and will provide you with the knowledge, skills and level of confidence required to become a successful Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioner.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Our financial aid and scholarship programs can assist you in meeting all of the financial costs of your education, including your living expenses, so you can allocate your time and energy solely to your academic studies and the pursuit of a career in TCM.

Flexible Curriculum

With classes offered during the day, night and weekend, and at two campuses, you can find the schedule, courses and teachers that fit your personal needs.

Vibrant Community

Our vibrant community of faculty, alumni, staff, and professional partners are committed to providing outstanding service, supporting our students, and perpetuating the Five Branches vision: to make TCM a part of world medicine. Our community emphasizes collaboration and teamwork, fostering meaningful professional relationships and life-long friendships.

Join us at Five Branches for a truly distinctive educational experience and to discover the rewarding career path of Traditional Chinese Medicine.



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They are nourished by virtue.
They are formed from matter.
They are shaped by environment.*

—DAODEJING 51

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Above: **Five Branches** students enjoying **Santana Row**

Right: **Joanna Zhao** teaching



Danling Zhang taking a patient's pulse

