

DAOM Program Highlights

■ *A Modern Integrative Medical Curriculum*

Our modern integrative medical curriculum bridges the gap between TCM and biomedicine approaches, promoting cross-referrals and inter-disciplinary medicine. The program covers both the TCM and Western medicine perspective of a core TCM practice and each medical subspecialty of family medicine.

■ *Clinical Training with TCM and Western Medicine Experts*

Receive extensive clinical training from renowned senior TCM practitioners and biomedicine experts from China, the U.S., and Europe in the following clinic environments: the Five Branches health centers, local community clinics and hospitals, and major hospitals affiliated with our sister colleges in China.

■ *Medical Specialization*

The DAOM curriculum emphasizes advanced clinical TCM with broad exposure to family medicine (the core of a LAc.'s practice) and the option to specialize in:

- Women's Health and Endocrinology
- Neuromuscular Medicine and Pain Management
- Auricular Medicine (optional)
- Cerebro-Cardiovascular Diseases (optional)

■ *Earn a Ph.D. in China*

Upon completion of the program, you will be awarded a Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine degree by Five Branches University. With an additional year of study, partially in China, you may earn a Ph.D. degree awarded by one of our sister colleges: Zhejiang Chinese Medical University, Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Liaoning University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. The Ph.D. degree is acknowledged by foreign credentials review agencies as equivalent to a Ph.D. in the U.S.

■ *Research and Capstone Project*

Learn how to assess evidence-based medicine, review new trends in TCM research and enhance your TCM scientific thinking skills. The capstone, an extensive research project in the final phase of the program, will allow you to demonstrate mastery in formal presentation, clinical evaluation and practice, and research capability. The capstone project, focused on your chosen field of specialization, will require quantitative and qualitative analyses as well as inductive and deductive research methods.

■ *Meets California and National CEU Requirements*

Almost all DAOM courses offered throughout the program fulfill both California and national CEU requirements.

■ *Flexible 4-Day Module Designed For Working Professionals*

Our monthly modular format of three to four-day weekend intensives, with a flexible clinical training schedule, allows you to earn a doctorate degree in as little as 24 months while maintaining your private practice.

■ *Trimester Admissions*

Applications for admission are reviewed throughout the year. New entering students are accepted on a trimester basis, in September, January, and May.

■ *Federal Financial Aid Available*

Five Branches University is an accredited institution of higher education approved to participate in federal financial aid programs. Our financial aid programs can assist you with the financial costs of a DAOM education, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, and the cost to attend the program 3-4 days each month. Students who are enrolled in the DAOM program for a minimum of three units each trimester are eligible for in-school deferment for their Federal Stafford Loans or Consolidated Federal Loans.