

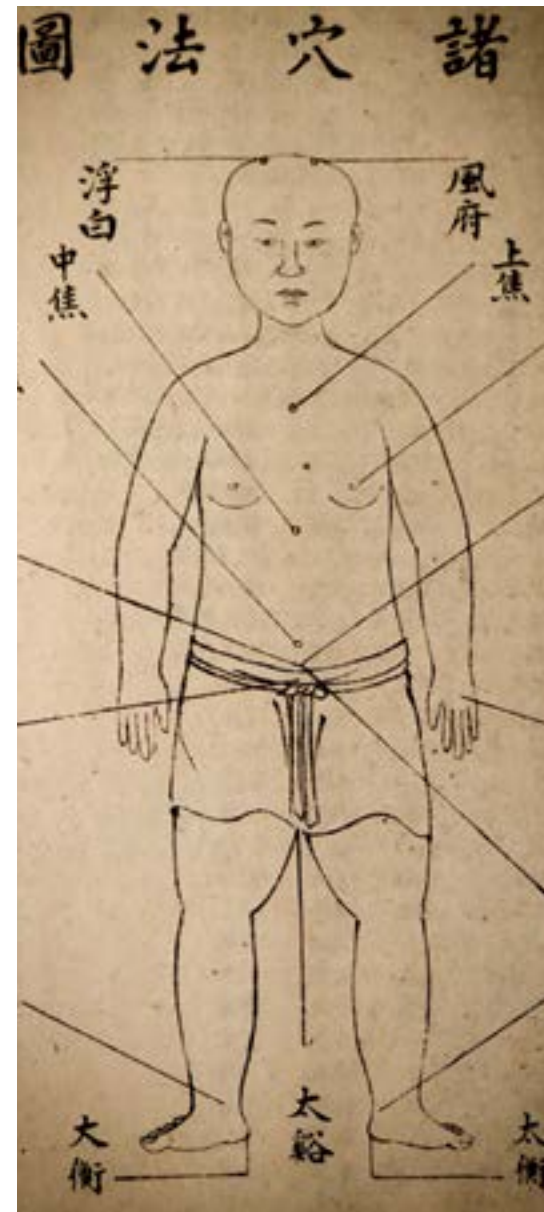
COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE

Our challenge at the University is to translate, evaluate and promote clinically effective treatments from the East Asian medical tradition, in order to properly integrate them into Western healthcare. Translation includes language but also history and culture. This is an area which is key to the research being carried out within EASTmedicine (East Asian Sciences and Traditions in Medicine).

The Chinese Medicine Department at Westminster is the longest standing academic department of its kind in the UK and Europe. For 17 years now our teaching team, through discussion and debate with each other and across other departments in the University, has woven together teaching, practice and research. Our teachers have been involved in the development of the acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine professions and sit on a number of committees keeping up to date with politics, conduct and ethics. Through this they bring a wealth of teaching experience, professional and personal knowledge of what it means to practice Chinese medicine in the UK and in particular in London with its diversity of students and patients.

As a student on our Chinese Herbal Medicine course you will benefit from this experience. Extensive literature is available through both the physical libraries at Westminster, Wellcome Trust and SOAS, and via online access. You will be asked to critically appraise your own practice – both traditional and current – in terms of philosophy and theory, and to pursue the evidence base of your practice. There will be opportunities to study abroad through our links with China Medical University in Taiwan and Shanghai University of TCM.

The Chinese Herbal Medicine MSc has been developed for practitioners who already have an undergraduate degree in Chinese Medicine: Acupuncture. On that professional entry degree you will have covered all the theories of Chinese Medicine and diagnostic skills. You will have covered basic biomedical pathology and disease differentiation, research methods and therapeutic relationship. You will have started in practice. This course is aimed at extending your professional skills and knowledge into areas that will develop you as a leader in practice, research, clinical governance and policy.



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CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINE MSc

The Chinese Herbal Medicine MSc extends your acupuncture practice into the other of the major modalities of Chinese medicine. It is a theoretical and clinical professional entry-training.

You will develop your diagnostic and case formulation skills and also learn the materia medica and formulae of Chinese herbal medicine. Phytochemistry and pharmacokinetics are integrated into the understanding of the energetic interactions of herbs. Extensive practice with patients will take place in our on-site teaching clinic where theory is deconstructed and applied.

Working in the dispensary with raw herbs will develop your kinaesthetic skills to deepen understanding. The aim is that you learn how to modify classic formulae to create new formulae which address complex patterns of illness.

Course content

This course contextualises Chinese medicine within its historical roots, and grounds it in the legal, ethical and inter-professional framework of the UK.



Length of course: one year full-time or two years part-time, starting in September

Location: Central London (Cavendish)

Faculty: Science and Technology

Course fees and funding: see course web page and westminster.ac.uk/fees

Entry requirements: see page 216

For full and most up-to-date information, see course web page: westminster.ac.uk/chinese-herbal-medicine-msc

Core modules

- Chinese Herbal Medicine – Advanced Clinical Practice
- Chinese Herbal Medicine in the UK
- Chinese Herbs and Formulae
- Chinese Herbal Medicine – Formulas and Strategies
- Postgraduate Research Methods for Health Sciences
- The Classics: Shang Han Lun and Wen Bing

Professional recognition

The course is accredited (approved) by the European Herbal and Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, which accredits courses on behalf of all EHTPA Professional Associations, including the Register of Chinese Herbal Medicine (RCHM). This enables graduates from the CHM MSc to apply for membership of the RCHM.

The EHTPA system of accreditation was endorsed by, and included in, the initial Steering Group Report to Government which recommended that a statutory register for herbal medicine practitioners be established.

Associated careers

This course is designed for acupuncturists who want to extend their practice repertoire to include herbal medicine, or for Chinese herbal medicine practitioners who wish to upgrade their academic skills to Masters level. Individual modules can be taken as continuing professional development (CPD).

