

Bachelor of Health Science/ Bachelor of Applied Science (Chinese Medicine)

2019

Undergraduate

Combine Chinese medicine principles, diagnosis and treatment such as acupuncture, herbal medicine and more with western medical examination and diagnosis.

Chinese medicine is the treatment of disorders and illness using medicinal substances that come from different sources such as roots, flowers, seeds and leaves of plants. It also includes other therapies such as acupuncture, cupping and tui na (remedial massage).

The emphasis is on the integration of Chinese medicine and western medical sciences, working together with the health community to provide the public with the best possible treatment. Advanced clinical training is provided in Australia and China to broaden your clinical experience.

Graduates will be able to practise Chinese herbal medicine and acupuncture at an internationally accepted level, with the capacity to launch careers in independent practice or working within healthcare organisations as a Chinese medicine practitioner registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

You will develop diagnosis, treatment and herbal dispensing skills by undertaking supervised clinical observation and practice at the RMIT Health Sciences Clinic at University Hill, Bundoora.

The RMIT Health Sciences Clinic offers acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine services for health promotion, rehabilitation and treatment for conditions such as common cold, hay fever, pain, skin and women's health.

You will also undertake a one-semester clinical internship in China through the Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine.

Career outlook

Graduate with the training and experience to practise Chinese medicine with a nationally approved qualification at an internationally accepted standard.

Chinese medicine practitioners work with patients to prevent and alleviate health problems using a range of treatment options including Chinese herbal medicine and acupuncture.

Chinese medicine, including acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine, is one of the most commonly used complementary therapies in Australia and globally.

Graduates normally:

- enter independent practice
- work in a multidisciplinary healthcare clinic as a registered Chinese medicine practitioner
- enter academia
- take up roles in industry and/or government in a health and medical research position

Industry connections

RMIT program development is done in consultation with the Chinese Medicine Industry Advisory Committee and major professional associations.

Professional recognition

This double degree program is approved by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia.

It is also recognised by the following major Chinese medicine associations in Australia:

- Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Ltd
- Australian Natural Therapists Association
- Federation of Chinese Medicine & Acupuncture Societies of Australia Ltd

International opportunities

During the final year you'll embark on a supervised clinical internship in China for first-hand experience of the modern practice of Chinese medicine in a public hospital.

You will hone your skills by seeing approximately 30 patients a day for one semester, exposing you to around 2000 patients and a wide range of clinical conditions.

Program snapshot

Program code: BP278

Duration

Full-time: 5 years

Location

Bundoora campus

Selection mode

ATAR (2018: 66.15)

How to apply

Semester 1: VTAC
vtac.edu.au

Fees

For local fee information:
rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

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Program structure

Your studies begin with the basics of cell biology and Chinese medicine principles.

Anatomy, physiology, immunology and pathology follow, so you understand the body's normal and abnormal states.

You will accurately locate and needle acupuncture points. You will learn herbal medicine in detail and understand the different clinical conditions that acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine can treat.

You will learn about both western and Chinese diagnosis and then apply this knowledge treating patients at the on-campus clinic.

Year 1	Chinese Medicine Theory 1	Biology of the Cell	Introduction to Human Biosciences	Chemistry for Health Sciences
	Chinese Medicine Theory 2	Limb and Trunk Anatomy	Professionalism and Evidence-based Healthcare	Research in Health Science
Year 2	Chinese Materia Medica and Formulae 1	Head and Visceral Anatomy	Human Physiology 1: Body Systems	University elective
	Chinese Materia Medica and Formulae 2	Acupuncture Theory and Practice 1	Human Physiology 2: Body Systems	Neuroscience
Year 3	Medical Examination 1	Acupuncture Theory and Practice 2	Introduction to Pathology	Pharmacology and Toxicology
	Medical Examination 2	Clinical Skills and Mental Health	Advanced Pathology	Clinical Microbiology, Immunology and Genetics
Year 4	Chinese Internal Medicine	Traumatology in Chinese Medicine	Differential Diagnosis in Western Medicine	Law and Ethics and Private Practice Business Management
	Gynaecology in Chinese Medicine	Dermatology and Chinese External Medicine	Supervised Clinical Practice 1	
Year 5	ENT, Ophthalmology and Paediatrics in Chinese Medicine	Classic Literature in Chinese Medicine	Supervised Clinical Practice 2	
	Clinical Internship			

Compulsory courses
 University electives

Please note: This is an example of the program structure. Courses may change and may not be available each semester.

Additional information

Non-Year 12 applicants may submit additional information if they would like it to be considered. For semester 1 intake, this can be completed through the VTAC Personal Statement online.

SEAS Form: This is a gender under represented program and awards SEAS bonus points to male applicants. To be eligible you must submit a VTAC SEAS application and select category 1.

Working With Children Check: Students must hold a valid Working With Children Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

Police Check: Students must present evidence of a successful National Police Records Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

Inherent requirements: This program has inherent requirements. These are non-academic abilities you'll need to complete this program that relate to your physical capacity and behavioural stability. Check the website for a full list of the Bachelor of Health Science/Bachelor of Applied Science (Chinese Medicine) inherent requirements.

This information is designed for Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents of Australia.

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