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# **Acupuncture Practitioner**

The Acupuncture Practitioner diploma program at triOS is 83 weeks. It includes 528 hours of clinical experience. Acupuncture Practitioners strive to put the body systems back in balance. Acupuncturists, through the skillful & careful placement of needles on "acupuncture points" treat what is known as "patterns of disharmony". The goal is to clear the energy blockages and return the body to its normal flow and function.

As a student in this diploma program, you will gain extensive knowledge of Acupuncture that meets the national competency standards to enable you to to undertake the Pan-Canadian examinations. In Ontario, graduates can apply for registration under the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncturists of Ontario.

# Employment and Wage Outlook for Careers in this field:





# NOC Code: 3232 / 32200 - Wage data rounded down to the nearest dollar. Average wage doesn't reflect the starting salary but represents the middle value between lowest to highest wages. Local (or regional) income may vary. Last updated in March 2024.

# **Career Opportunities**

Acupuncture or TCM Specialized Clinics

Inter-Professional Clinics (Physiotherapy, Naturopathic, Osteopathy, Massage Therapy)

Self-employed

# **Employers Who Have Hired triOS Grads**





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# **Acupuncture Practitioner**

NOC Code: 3232/32200

# Here's a look at some of the courses included in this program:

Semester 1:13 Weeks - 252 HoursLaying the FoundationsBiomedicine 1 Anatomy, Physiology,Biomedicine 1 Anatomy, Physiology,Ferminology Communications and theHealthcare Practitioner Business SkillsHealthcare Practitioner Business SkillsResearch and Interpretive Studies 1Ethics and ProfessionalismStudent Success StrategiesTCM Myology	Semester 2:10 Weeks -212 Hours Completing the Foundations of BiomedicineBiomedicine 2 Pathology, Terminology Advanced Physiology Pharmacology Advanced Biomedicine 3 First Aid
Semester 3:13 Weeks -315 HoursThe Foundations of Traditional Chinese MedicineMeridian Theory 1TCM Theory Foundations 1Point Locations 1Point Locations 2Techniques of Acupuncture 1Techniques of Acupuncture 2Clinic ModalitiesDiagnosis and Treatments 1Needling LabTCM Clinical SafetyModern Mental DiseaseModern Physical Disease	Semester 4:12 Weeks - 328 HoursApplying Your TCM KnowledgeObservations Student ClinicPain Management and Rehabilitation 1Pain Management and Rehabilitation 2OrthopedicsInternal Medicine 1Diagnosis & Treatments 2Point Functions 1Point Functions 2TCM TerminologyPediatricsGynecology 1Comprehensive Examination 1Direct Patient Care Clinic + Patient Care Study 1 (Semester 4)
Semester 5:11 Weeks -323 HoursIntegrating Eastern and Western TreatmentsPoint Functions 3TCM JurisprudenceTCM Nutritional Food CuresMeridian Theory 2Pathophysiological Conditions 1Pathophysiological Conditions 2Direct Patient Care Clinic (Semester 5)Oriental Acupressure and Tuina 1Oriental Acupressure and Tuina 2Oriental Acupressure and Tuina 3Qigong and Tai ChiComprehensive Examination 2	Semester 6: Advanced TCM Analysis13 Weeks -320 HoursResearch 2TCM Theory Foundations 2Pathophysiologicaly Conditions 3Gynecology 2Internal Medicine 2Internal Medicine 3Career Planning and Preparation 1DermatologyAdvanced DiagnosisDirect Patient Care Clinic + Patient Care Study 2(Semester 6)

#### Semester 7: Bringing It All Together

Clinical Case Studies TCM Classics Pan Canadian Exam Preparation Final Examinations Career Planning and Preparation 2 Direct Patient Care Clinic (Semester 7)

# 11 Weeks -270 Hours

CTCMPAO Application Preparation

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Weekend clinics and classes are in person.

Weekday evening classes are a combination of Instructor led online and Asynchronous Home Study.

#### Semester 1 (13 weeks -252 hours) | Semester 2 (10 weeks - 212 hours)

A View of Your Program Schedule by Semester

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6-8pm	6-8pm	6-8pm	6-8pm	no classes	8:30-12:30pm*	no classes
remote classes	remote classes	remote classes	remote classes		on campus classes	
plus 8 hrs online self study			First Aid will be scheduled for 1 Friday			

#### Semester 3 (13 weeks -315 hours)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
no classes	6-8pm	6-10pm	6-8pm	no classes	8:30-5:15*	8:30-5:15*
	remote classes	remote classes	remote classes		on campus classes	on campus classes
plus 6 hrs online self study					*break 12:30-1:15PM	*break 12:30-1:15 PM

#### Semester 4 (12 weeks -328 hours) | Semester 5 (11 weeks - 323 hours)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6-8pm	6-8pm	6-10pm	6-8pm	no classes	8:30-5:15*	8:30-5:15*
remote classes	remote classes	Clinics: in-person	remote classes		Clinics: in-person	on campus classes
	1	olus 6 hrs online self st	udy		*break 12:30-1:15PM	*break 12:30-1:15PM

#### Semester 6 (13 weeks -320 hours)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6-8pm	6-8pm	6-10pm	6-8pm	no classes	8:30-5:15*	8:30-5:15 *
remote classes	remote classes	Clinics: in-person	remote classes		Clinics: in-person	on campus classes week 1-10
Week 1-5 only			Week 1-5, 7-11			Clinics: in-person week 12-13
plus 6 hrs online self study				*break 12:30-1:15PM	*break 12:30-1:15PM	

# Semester 7 (11 weeks -270 hours)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6-8pm	6-8pm	6-10pm	6-8pm	no classes	8:30-5:15*	8:30-5:15*
remote classes	remote classes	Clinics: in-person	remote classes		Clinics: in-person	Clinics: in-person week 1-4
self-study review week					Program Finals week 11	Extra Clinics: in-person week 6-10
	ł	olus 6 hrs online self st	udy		*break 12:30-1:15PM	*break 12:30-1:15PM

# **Admission Requirements:**

- 1. Student has an Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, OR
- 2. An accepted equivalent by the time the program commences, OR
- 3. Is 18 years of age or older on or before the program begins AND can pass a qualifying test that has been approved by the Superintendent.
- 4. The approved qualifying test for this program is the Wonderlic test. A passing score for this program is 14.

\*Applicants from other Canadian provinces must be at least 19 years of age and a minimum of 1 year out of high school by the program start date and successfully pass an academic achievement test.

International Students: Please contact us for more details regarding admissions requirements.

# **Skill/Practical Requirements:**

- 1. A vulnerable person background check is required and submitted prior to participating in any clinic activity.
- 2. Students must complete all academic pre-requisites and complete 12 hours of Clinical Observation prior to participating in any clinic activity.

# **Accreditation Policy:**

Like all post-secondary institutions in Ontario, triOS College reserves the right to accept or deny advanced standing into its programs.

#### Note:

In order to continuously improve our programs, triOS College reserves the right to modify programs at any time. Program delivery order may vary depending on the program start date. This diploma program may not be available at all campuses. The program may have additional reading weeks, depending on the start date

You can find our Key Performance Indicators (graduation rate, employment rate, etc.) at www.triOS.com/kpi.

# **Course Descriptions:**

# **Biomedicine 1: Anatomy, Physiology, Terminology**

This foundational course covers human anatomy, physiology, and medical terminology. In it, you will explore the complexities of body systems and cellular structures, mastering the language and mechanisms essential for healthcare professionals. You will gain the knowledge and confidence needed for a comprehensive understanding of health sciences.

# **Communication and the Healthcare Professional**

This course offers a deep dive into the art and science of communication within the field of acupuncture, blending theoretical knowledge with practical skills in adapting communication styles, conflict resolution, and engaging with emotional clients. It prepares you for real-world challenges and fosters professional growth in Traditional Chinese Medicine.

#### **Business Skills**

In this course, you will gain essential business skills tailored for acupuncturists, focusing on developing and managing a successful practice. From crafting effective marketing strategies to understanding financial and legal nuances, you will learn to create a comprehensive business plan, preparing you for the dynamic world of acupuncture business management.

#### **Research and Interpretive Studies 1**

In this course, you will master the application of critical thinking to interpret and evaluate research and professional literature within healthcare. Focused on enhancing research literacy, you will learn to critically assess studies, data, and statistical information, integrating these skills into clinical practice to inform evidence-based decision-making and improve patient care.

# **Ethics and Professionalism**

In this course, you will delve into the core principles of ethics and professionalism essential for healthcare practice. Through case studies, discussions, and reflective exercises, you will learn to navigate ethical dilemmas, uphold professional standards, and apply informed decision-making to enhance patient care and maintain public trust in healthcare disciplines.

# **TCM Myology**

In this course, you will delve into the intricate study of the muscular system, emphasizing the relationship between muscle anatomy and acupuncture points. Through detailed exploration of muscle origins, insertions, and actions, you will gain the skills to effectively diagnose and treat musculoskeletal conditions using Traditional Chinese Medicine modalities.

# Biomedicine 2: Pathology, Terminology

This course explores the complex interplay of diseases within the human body through a dual lens of Western medicine and Traditional Chinese Medicine. Covering cellular mechanisms to systemic conditions across dermatological, musculoskeletal, and more, it offers an in-depth examination and holistic understanding, enhancing practitioners' diagnostic and therapeutic strategies.

#### **Advanced Physiology**

In this course, you will deepen your understanding of physiology, exploring the intricate chemical, cellular, and tissue levels of the human body. The curriculum revisits and expands on foundational knowledge, preparing you for advanced clinical applications in acupuncture and holistic health practices.



# Pharmacology

In this Pharmacology course, you gain an understanding of medication principles, classifications, and their clinical applications. Through exploring drug profiles and learning to interpret prescription labels, you are equipped to integrate drug therapy knowledge into patient care, enhancing treatment efficacy and ensuring informed clinical decisions.

#### **Biomedicine 3: Advanced Anatomy**

In this course, you will study advanced anatomy crucial for acupuncture practice, focusing on osteology, synecology, the lymphatic system, and nutrition's role in TCM. Through a blend of remote instruction and asynchronous activities, gain comprehensive insights and practical skills to enhance patient treatment and care.

# **Meridian Theory 1**

This foundational course delves a cornerstone of Traditional Chinese Medicine. You will learn to assess and influence the energetic balance, addressing health from a holistic TCM perspective. The course integrates philosophical principles, practical exercises, and historical insights, empowering you with the skills to begin practicing and refining diagnostic techniques in the context of Meridian Theory.

#### **TCM Theory Foundations 1**

This course looks at the core principles of TCM, such as Yin-Yang, the Five Elements, and the intricate dynamics of Qi. It offers an exploration of how these ancient theories underpin the practice of TCM, guiding the maintenance and restoration of health. You will develop a nuanced understanding of the body's internal balance and its impact on well-being. With a blend of theoretical knowledge and practical insight, this course lays the groundwork for effective application in TCM practices, fostering a holistic approach to health and healing.

#### **Acupuncture Point Locations 1**

This course deepens your understanding of acupuncture through the study of point locations, actions, and techniques across seven meridians. You will refine your skills in diagnosing and treating with a focus on practical application, preparing you to effectively incorporate these practices into your clinical repertoire in Traditional Chinese Medicine.

#### **Acupuncture Point Locations 2**

Advance your acupuncture expertise in this Level 2 course, focusing on the precise identification and application of points across additional key meridians. You will deepen your practical skills in point location and needling, enhancing your ability to tailor treatments to individual needs within Traditional Chinese Medicine practices.

# **Techniques of Acupuncture 1**

In this course, you will explore foundational acupuncture techniques, including needling, ear, and scalp acupuncture, alongside specialized protocols for detoxification and pain management. Through theoretical study and hands-on labs, you will learn to apply these methods safely and effectively, preparing you to integrate diverse acupuncture modalities into comprehensive treatment plans.

# **Techniques of Acupuncture 2**

In Techniques of Acupuncture 2, you will advance your practice with specialized TCM modalities including cupping, gua sha, moxibustion, dry needling, electro-acupuncture, and the Balancing Method. Through a blend of theory and extensive hands-on labs, you will learn to apply these techniques effectively, enhancing your therapeutic skills and confidence.



# **Clinic Modalities**

In this course, you will enhance your expertise in Traditional Chinese Medicine by mastering the techniques of gua sha, cupping, and moxibustion. Engaging in immersive practice labs, you will learn to apply these modalities effectively, ensuring a holistic approach to patient care, validated through both written and practical assessments.

# **Diagnoses and Treatments 1**

In this course, you will master the art of TCM diagnosis, learning to assess patients through traditional methods such as palpation, observation, and inquiry, including specialized techniques in tongue and pulse diagnosis. You will develop the skills to differentiate TCM patterns and apply this knowledge to formulate precise, individualized treatment strategies.

# **Needling Lab**

In this hands-on Needling Lab course, you will refine your proficiency in acupuncture techniques, focusing on needle depth, angles, and sensitive points in line with CTCMPAO safety standards. Through extensive practice and guided instruction, you will master client draping, treatment setup, and needle handling, ensuring your readiness for direct patient care.

# **TCM Clinical Safety**

In this course, you will delve into essential safety protocols, infection control, and risk management practices tailored for acupuncturists. Through comprehensive lessons on safe needling techniques, best practices in record keeping, and adherence to regulatory standards, you will be fully prepared for direct patient care and the CTCMPAO Safety Examination.

# **Modern Mental Diseases**

In this course, you will explore the Traditional Chinese Medicine approach to mental health, focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of various mental disorders. Gain a holistic understanding and practical skills in addressing emotional, mood, cognitive, sleep, and behavioral conditions through TCM principles.

# **Modern Physical Diseases**

In this course, you will explore Traditional Chinese Medicine's approach to modern physical diseases, learning to diagnose and treat a range of conditions with TCM techniques. Covering endocrine to musculoskeletal disorders, the course emphasizes integrating TCM diagnostic methods and treatments into clinical practice for holistic patient care.

# **Observations Student Clinic**

The Observation Clinics combine theoretical classroom learning and practical clinical application, enhancing students' comprehension and confidence in treatment skills. Learners assist senior students in preparing treatment spaces, patient care, and pre/post-treatment discussions covering diagnosis, point location, and functions. Learners also become familiar with clinic management and recordkeeping skills.

# Pain Management and Rehabilitation 1

In this course, you will study the TCM approach to diagnosing and treating musculoskeletal conditions. Through a combination of lectures and hands-on labs, you will learn effective acupuncture techniques for managing heel, foot, leg, and knee pain, preparing you for direct patient care and advanced TCM practice.



# Pain Management and Rehabilitation 2

In Pain Management and Rehabilitation 2, you will advance your skills in treating musculoskeletal pain through TCM. Focusing on complex conditions from the hip to the neck, this course combines theoretical insights with practical labs, empowering you to effectively diagnose and apply targeted acupuncture treatments for comprehensive patient care.

#### Orthopedics

In this course, you will delve into the TCM approach to diagnosing and treating musculoskeletal disorders. This course equips you with the skills to assess, diagnose, and apply TCM treatments for a range of orthopedic conditions, blending theory with practical application to enhance your clinical practice.

#### **Internal Medicine 1**

In "Internal Medicine 1," you explore the depth of TCM internal medicine, focusing on the significant role emotions play in disease. Through this course, you gain expertise in diagnosing and treating disorders of the Lung, Spleen, and Stomach, preparing you to apply TCM principles effectively in clinical settings with a compassionate understanding of patient needs.

#### **Diagnoses and Treatments 2**

In "Diagnoses and Treatments 2," you will advance your skills in TCM diagnostics, exploring principles related to Qi, blood, body fluids, and more. Through practical and theoretical lessons, you learn to assess and diagnose with precision, applying TCM theories to develop effective treatment strategies for a range of conditions.

#### **Acupuncture Point Functions 1**

In this course, you will explore the intricate functions of acupuncture points and their strategic combinations to address pain, injury, and various bodily disharmonies. Through hands-on sessions, you will master point indications and develop the skill to craft optimal treatments, enhancing your efficacy as a healthcare practitioner.

#### **Acupuncture Point Functions 2**

Acupuncture Point Functions 2 deepens your mastery of acupuncture through focused study on channel-specific point functions and combinations for the Kidney, Sanjiao, Pericardium, Gallbladder, Liver, Du, and Ren channels. Enhance your treatment strategies with advanced knowledge and hands-on application, optimizing patient outcomes for a range of disharmonies.

# **TCM Terminology**

TCM Terminology will equip you with a comprehensive understanding and precise pronunciation of essential Traditional Chinese Medicine terms. Through immersive phonetics study and targeted terminology exercises, you will approach fluency in TCM vocabulary, enhancing your ability to communicate effectively within the domain of TCM practices and clinical settings.

# **TCM Pediatrics**

In "TCM Pediatrics," you explore the unique aspects of pediatric care through the lens of Traditional Chinese Medicine. You learn to assess, diagnose, and treat common childhood ailments, enhancing your ability to provide tailored, effective TCM treatments for the younger population in a clinical setting.



# **Gynecology and Obstetrics 1**

In this course, you will begin to look at TCM gynecology, exploring menstrual disorders and menopause with a keen focus on pattern differentiation and treatment. This course equips you with the skills to diagnose and treat gynecological disorders, enhancing your ability to provide holistic care through acupuncture and Chinese herbal formulas.

#### **Comprehensive Exams 1**

In these exams, you will showcase your mastery over the extensive curriculum of Traditional Chinese Medicine and acupuncture. Designed to assess your readiness for professional practice, these comprehensive multiple-choice tests cover ideas, knowledge, and concepts studied in earlier courses.

# **Direct Patient Care Clinic and Patient Study 1**

In the Direct Patient Care Clinic and Patient Study courses, you will engage in hands-on diagnosis and treatment of TCM conditions, honing your skills in patient care and management. Through practical experience, you will perfect your techniques in point location, develop professional patient communication, and document clinical encounters, culminating in detailed patient care reports.

# **Acupuncture Point Functions 3**

In "Acupuncture Point Functions 3," you delve into advanced acupuncture techniques, exploring extra points and sophisticated point categories. This course enriches your understanding and application of acupuncture for diverse conditions, empowering you to craft optimal treatments through a mastery of comprehensive point functions and selection principles.

# **TCM Jurisprudence**

In "TCM Jurisprudence," you navigate the intricate landscape of legal, ethical, and professional standards governing TCM practice. Through engaging with foundational legalities, ethical principles, and patient rights, you develop a comprehensive understanding and application of jurisprudence essential for upholding integrity and professionalism in your healing practice.

# **TCM Nutrition - Food Cures**

In "TCM Nutrition - Food Cures," you explore the rich tradition of TCM dietary therapy, learning to harness the energy of foods through Yin and Yang theory. This course empowers you to tailor nutrition plans for individual needs, integrating TCM principles to promote health and treat disorders effectively.

# **Meridian Theory 2**

Meridian 2 is a course that explores the intricate system of meridians in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and acupuncture. Through this course, students will explore Yin and Yang or the directional flow of energy to vital organs, and the interconnected network of meridians (jing luo). By understanding these concepts, students will learn techniques for assessing and balancing Qi flow to promote holistic health and vitality.

# **Pathophysiological Conditions 1**

In this course, you delve into the etiology and pathogenesis of conditions listed in the Pan Canadian Candidate Handbook, exploring both biomedicine and TCM perspectives. You analyze how diseases manifest and affect bodily functions, enhancing your ability to identify TCM patterns in biomedicine conditions and vice versa.



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# **Direct Patient Care clinic and Oral Practical 1**

In this hands-on clinical course, you will refine your diagnostic acumen and treatment application, managing patient care effectively from the first consultation. You will engage in meaningful dialogue with patients, perfect documentation skills, and collaborate with practitioners to navigate complex clinical scenarios and develop holistic treatment strategies. The course culminates in an oral exam that tests your practical understanding and adaptability.

# **Oriental Acupressure / Tuina 1**

Tui Na 1 offers an introduction to the art of Tui Na massage therapy within the framework of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). This course equips students with foundational knowledge and practical skills essential for effective Tui Na practice. In this course students learn the hand techniques employed in Tui Na, understanding their application for addressing internal medical conditions.

# **Oriental Acupressure / Tuina 2**

Tui Na 2 builds upon the foundational knowledge and practical skills acquired in Tui Na 1 and expands students' understanding and proficiency in TuiNa massage therapy within Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). This course aims to enhance students' understanding and proficiency in Tui Na techniques and palpation skills for diagnosing and treating a wide range of conditions.

# **Oriental Acupressure / Tuina 3**

This course on Tui Na massage therapy focuses on the tendino-muscular pathways or sinew channels. Students deepen their understanding of these pathways' structure and function and learn advanced techniques to open, treat, and close patients with depth and attention, incorporating the concept of Shen into practice. Students will develop personalized Tui Na treatments through case studies, refining their assessment and treatment skills for holistic patient care.

# **Tai Chi-Qigong**

This course will explore the theory of the health benefits of Qigong (pronounced "chi gong) and Tai Chi, along with learning basic stances, movements and exercises through active physical participation. The student will learn the 8 pieces of Brocard (Ba Duan Jin – standing version) and a24 step series of a tai chi exercise.

# **Comprehensive Exams 2**

In these exams, you will showcase your mastery over the extensive curriculum of Traditional Chinese Medicine and acupuncture. Designed to assess your readiness for professional practice, these comprehensive multiple-choice tests cover ideas, knowledge, and concepts studied in studied in earlier courses.

# **Research 2**

In this course, you will engage deeply with a chosen topic in Traditional Chinese Medicine, beginning a clinical research project or literature review which will be handed in during Semester 7. This course fosters critical analysis and synthesis skills, guiding you to contribute meaningful scholarship and insights to the TCM professional community.



# **TCM Theory Foundations 2**

In "TCM Theory Foundations 2," you deepen your understanding of Traditional Chinese Medicine, focusing on the Five Element Theory and its application in diagnosing and treating disorders. Through exploring advanced concepts like Mind, Qi, and Essence, you will enhance your ability to integrate TCM principles into effective clinical practice.

# **Pathophysiological Conditions 3**

This course looks into the complexities of sexually transmitted infections, proctology, and external skin disorders from a TCM perspective. Integrating Western medical insights, this course empowers you to diagnose and treat sensitive conditions with confidence, enhancing your understanding of CM's holistic approach to health and its interplay with contemporary medical practices.

# **Gynaecology 2**

In "Gynecology 2," you delve deeper into TCM gynecology, exploring patterns for pregnancy, postpartum, infertility, and more. This course empowers you to design comprehensive treatment plans, combining acupuncture and dietary strategies to address a range of female reproductive system ailments, enhancing your skills in providing holistic care.

# **Internal Medicine 2**

In "Internal Medicine 2," you delve into the complexities of disorders affecting the Liver, Gallbladder, Kidney, and Bladder, mastering TCM classifications, symptoms, and treatment strategies. Through focused study and practical application, you enhance your ability to diagnose and tailor acupuncture treatments, advancing your proficiency in TCM internal medicine.

# **Internal Medicine 3**

In "Internal Medicine 3," you explore TCM and Western approaches to managing sexually transmitted infections, proctology, and skin disorders. This course equips you to discern TCM patterns, apply effective treatments, and conduct sensitive patient discussions, enriching your practice with a holistic understanding of complex conditions.

# **Career Planning and Preparation 1**

This module will introduce you to and provide practice in using the tools required for a successful job search. The concepts covered in this module will help you maintain a career-focused approach throughout your studies so that you are better prepared to conduct a job search after graduating. Specifically, you will learn how to identify your soft and hard skills and how to articulate your abilities in a clear and concise Elevator Pitch that will appeal to employers and resonate with industry contacts. You will learn about the job search resources available to you including using career websites, creating LinkedIn profiles, accessing the "hidden" job market, and networking. You will examine sample résumés and cover letters and begin the process of creating your own professional résumés and cover letters that align with current conventions for content, organization, and formatting. You will also learn about the role of references, thank you letters, workplace philosophies, and strategies for success including maintaining a professional image and using proper etiquette when communicating with potential employers and industry contacts.

# **Dermatology and the Five Senses**

In "Dermatology and the 5 Senses," you will explore the TCM view of how sense-related disorders and skin conditions reflect internal organ imbalances. Through this course, you learn to diagnose and craft effective TCM treatments, bridging ancient wisdom with contemporary understanding to support holistic health.



# **Advanced Diagnosis**

In "Advanced Diagnosis," you explore the art of diagnosing and treating complex conditions that span multiple body systems, learning to view the patient holistically rather than as isolated ailments. This course deepens your understanding of interconnected symptoms and patterns, enhancing your skill in crafting integrated treatment plans for comprehensive patient care.

# **Direct Patient Care Clinic and Patient Study 2**

In the Direct Patient Care Clinic and Patient Study courses, you will engage in hands-on diagnosis and treatment of TCM conditions, honing your skills in patient care and management. Through practical experience, you will perfect your techniques in point location, develop professional patient communication, and document clinical encounters, culminating in detailed patient care reports.

# **Clinical Case Studies**

In "Case Studies," you immerse yourself in diagnosing and treating a variety of diseases using TCM diagnostic methods. Through detailed case analyses, you refine your ability to differentiate TCM patterns for conditions affecting multiple body systems, preparing you to effectively communicate and apply treatment strategies in clinical practice.

# **TCM Classics**

In "TCM Classics," you delve into the Yellow Emperor's Classic of Medicine, uncovering the essence of balance and harmony in health. Through careful study and assignments, you extract and apply ancient wisdom, learning how the universal laws and natural forces shape our wellbeing and practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

# **Pan Canadian Exams Preparation**

In this course, you will prepare for the Pan Canadian Exams. You will consolidate your knowledge of Traditional Chinese Medicine, refine test-taking techniques, and engage in comprehensive reviews and discussions. Through simulated exams and case studies, you will enhance critical thinking and diagnostic skills, ensuring readiness for professional TCM examinations.

# **Final Examinations**

In these exams, you will showcase your mastery over the extensive curriculum of Traditional Chinese Medicine and acupuncture. Designed to assess your readiness for professional practice, these comprehensive multiple-choice tests cover ideas, knowledge, and concepts studied throughout the course.

# **Career Planning and Preparation 2**

This module builds on concepts and skills introduced in the Career Planning and Preparation Level 1 module. In this subsequent module, you will update and refine your résumé and LinkedIn Profile. You will continue writing cover letters and learn the value of customizing cover letters to specific job postings. You will have the opportunity to apply this knowledge as you conduct a job search and write a cover letter tailored to an ideal job post. Through research, you will create a list of top employers and target current industry opportunities. You will learn about current methods for applying to job postings using technology. You will also gain an understanding of the job interview process, typical interview questions and possible responses, and expectations of both the interviewer and interviewee. In addition, you will engage in practical application of the interview process through role-play. Topics such as negotiating salary, self-management, and on-the-job success for placements and post-graduate employment will be also covered.



# **Direct Patient Care clinic and Oral Practical 2**

In this hands-on clinical course, you will refine your diagnostic acumen and treatment application, managing patient care effectively from the first consultation. You will engage in meaningful dialogue with patients, perfect documentation skills, and collaborate with practitioners to navigate complex clinical scenarios and develop holistic treatment strategies. The course culminates in an oral exam that tests your practical understanding and adaptability.

# **CTCMPAO** Preparation

In this concise course, you will navigate the CTCMPAO application process, understanding certification requirements and the steps to become a certified TCM practitioner in Ontario. Designed for your final semester, attending this seminar equips you with knowledge for successful application for the Pan Canadian Exams.

