

BACHELOR OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE (4710)

Approved Abbreviation: BTCM

Western Sydney University Program Code: 4710

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 089195D

This program applies to students who commenced in 2022 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

Commencement year 2015 to 2021 - 4710.1 Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4710.1>)

Handbook Summary 2022

This program prepares graduates for careers as practitioners of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Traditional Chinese medicine practitioners are usually either self-employed in private practice or work as a member of a team in a clinic that offers a range of therapies. They practice as acupuncturists and treating clients using Chinese herbal medications. There are also opportunities in medical research, product development, management and sales roles in pharmaceutical and herbal companies.

The program in Traditional Chinese Medicine is offered as a 4-year Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine. The first three years of the program combine studies in traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine with a broad understanding of biomedicine and various health science fields to develop the professional competencies important for ethical and safe practice and high quality care and the skills to work in multidisciplinary teams. The final year focuses predominately on practical experience and specialised areas. Part of the clinical experience can be taken through an intensive clinical placement in China. Evidence-based practice is one of the most important trends in healthcare today and a strong feature of the program.

Handbook Summary 2023

This program prepares graduates with award of Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine for careers as practitioners of Traditional Chinese Medicine, qualified in acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and herbal medicine dispensing in Australia. Eligible graduates will also be awarded with Bachelor of Medicine by the Ministry of Education, China through Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine (NUCM).

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on practical clinical experience and specialised areas of Chinese medicine. Part of the clinical experience can be taken through an intensive clinical placement in China. Evidence-based practice is one of the most important trends in healthcare today and a strong feature of the program.

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 240 credit points with a 4789 Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Sciences) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-health-science-clinical-sciences/>)

Study Mode

Four years full-time

Program Advice

healthsciences@westernsydney.edu.au

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Campbelltown Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine has been accredited by the Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee with graduates able to apply for general registration with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, in the three divisions of Acupuncturist, Chinese Herbal Medicine Practitioner and Chinese Herbal Dispenser.

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Admission

- Assumed knowledge: any 2 units of English.
- Recommended studies: Biology

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry_requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry_requirements/)

For courses that will lead to AHPRA registered careers, students are required to have a minimum entry IELTS score of 6.5 overall with a minimum score of 6.0 in Speaking and Listening, and 6.0 in Writing and Reading or equivalents, in an acceptable language test.

Special Requirements Prerequisites

In order to enrol in Second Year Autumn subjects, all students must have: National Police Certificate and a Working with Children Check Student Declaration. In order to enrol in Second Year Spring subjects, all students must have a First Aid Certificate (including cardiopulmonary resuscitation). To be eligible to undertake clinical placements in public hospitals, students must comply with vaccination requirements and be prepared to submit a completed Adult Immunisation Card to placement institutions. NSW Health can provide details of necessary vaccinations. To meet NSW health requirements for clinical placements, second year students will be required to attend a 'bulk compliance' appointment to have their special requirements verified by NSW Health staff. To be eligible to undertake field/work/practice placements, students must also comply with the NSW Health Records and Information Privacy Act (2004) and complete a relevant declaration.

Program Structure Current

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 320 credit points which include the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 240 cps with 4789 - Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Science)

4789 - Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Science) (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-health-science-clinical-sciences/>)

Recommended Sequence 2023

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
CMPL 1001	Traditional Chinese Medicine 1	10
NATS 1009	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	10
PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
HLTH 1013	Professional Competencies in Health	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
CMPL 1002	Traditional Chinese Medicine 2	10
NATS 1010	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	10
BIOS 1012	Cell Biology	10
Choose one elective subject		10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
CMPL 2006	Traditional Chinese Medicine 3	10
CMPL 2002	Channels and Points 1	10
CMPL 2004	Chinese Materia Medica 1	10
NATS 2038	Pathophysiology 1	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
CMPL 2003	Channels and Points 2	10
CMPL 2005	Chinese Materia Medica 2	10
HLTH 1012	Evidence in Health	10
NATS 2039	Pathophysiology 2	10
Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
CMPL 3002	Chinese Medicinal Formulas	10
CMPL 3003	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practice 1	10
CMPL 3001	Acupuncture Techniques	10
HLTH 2021	Research Methods (Quantitative and Qualitative)	10
NOTE: Subject HLTH 2021 has been replaced by HLTH 2024		
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
NATS 2008	Clinical Pharmacology	10
CMPL 3004	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practice 2	10
CMPL 4004	Classical Texts in Chinese Medicine	10
Choose one elective subject		10
Credit Points		40
Year 4		
Autumn session		
CMPL 4002	Chinese Internal Medicine 1	10
CMPL 4005	Specialities in Traditional Chinese Medicine 1	10
CMPL 4007	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practice 3	10
Choose one elective subject		10
Credit Points		40

Spring session

CMPL 4003	Chinese Internal Medicine 2	10
CMPL 4006	Specialities in Traditional Chinese Medicine 2	10
CMPL 4001	Block Clinical Practicum	10
Choose one elective subject		10
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		320

Suggested Minors

0004 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/chinese-minor/>) Chinese (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/chinese-minor/>)

0243 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-recreation-minor/>) Health and Recreation (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-recreation-minor/>)

0240 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-practice-management-minor/>) Health Practice management (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-practice-management-minor/>)

0052 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-promotion-minor/>) Health Promotion (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-promotion-minor/>)

0253 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/leisure-diverse-groups-minor/>) Leisure for Diverse Groups (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/leisure-diverse-groups-minor/>)

0055 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/public-health-minor/>) Public Health (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/public-health-minor/>)

0029 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/psychological-studies-minor/>) Psychological Studies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/psychological-studies-minor/>)

0208 Environmental Health (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/environmental-health-minor/>)

0279 Exercise Science (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/exercise-science-minor/>)

0037 Health Informatics (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-informatics-minor/>)

0264 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/culture-society-minor/>) Culture and Society, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/culture-society-minor/>)

0252 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/disability-studies-minor/>) Disability Studies, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/disability-studies-minor/>)

0009 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-minor/>) English, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-minor/>)

hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-minor/)

0015 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/>) Indigenous Australian Studies, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/>)

0231 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/infectious-diseases-minor/>) Infectious Diseases, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/infectious-diseases-minor/>)

0028 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/philosophy-minor/>) Philosophy, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/philosophy-minor/>)

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Year 1		
Autumn session		
CMPL 1001	Traditional Chinese Medicine 1	10
NATS 1009	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	10
PUBH 005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
HLTH 1013	Professional Competencies in Health	10
Note: Subject HLTH 1013 Professional Competencies in Health replaces HLTH 1010 Professional Health Competencies from Autumn 2021		
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
CMPL 1002	Traditional Chinese Medicine 2	10
NATS 1010	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	10
COMM 1007	Communication in Health	10
BIOS 1012	Cell Biology	10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
CMPL 2006	Traditional Chinese Medicine 3	10
CMPL 2002	Channels and Points 1	10
CMPL 2004	Chinese Materia Medica 1	10
NATS 2038	Pathophysiology 1	10
Note: Subject NATS 2038 Pathophysiology replaces BIOS 2029 Pathophysiology from Autumn 2020.		
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
CMPL 2003	Channels and Points 2	10
CMPL 2005	Chinese Materia Medica 2	10
HLTH 1012	Evidence in Health	10
Note: Subject HLTH 1012 Evidence in Health replaces HLTH 1001 Foundations of Research and Evidence-Based Practice from Spring 2021.		
NATS 2039	Pathophysiology 2	10

Note: Subject NATS 2039 Pathophysiology replaces BIOS 2030 Pathophysiology 2 from Autumn 2020

Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
CMPL 3002	Chinese Medicinal Formulas	10
CMPL 3003	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practice 1	10
CMPL 3001	Acupuncture Techniques	10
HLTH 2024	Research Methods in Health	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
NATS 2008	Clinical Pharmacology	10
MEDI 3002	Clinical Assessment Methods	10
HLTH 3005	Evidence-Based Practice	10
Note: From 2023 subject HLTH 3005 Evidence-Based Practice is replaced by PUBH 3023 Evidence in Professional Reasoning		
PUBH 3023	Evidence in Professional Reasoning	
CMPL 3004	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practice 2	10
At this point, students may exit with the Bachelor of Health Science		
Credit Points		40
Year 4		
Autumn session		
CMPL 4002	Chinese Internal Medicine 1	10
CMPL 4005	Specialities in Traditional Chinese Medicine 1	10
CMPL 4004	Classical Texts in Chinese Medicine	10
CMPL 4007	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practice 3	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
CMPL 4003	Chinese Internal Medicine 2	10
CMPL 4006	Specialities in Traditional Chinese Medicine 2	10
CMPL 4001	Block Clinical Practicum	10
CMPL 4008	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practice 4	10
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		320