



## Federation of Traditional Chinese Medicine Colleges of Canada

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*Please read the minimum requirements for FTCMCC membership outlined on the pages below. If your institution meets or exceeds these requirements, please fill out this form and submit it to the FTCMCC office by E-mail or Mail. Once your membership is approved, an invoice for your institution's annual membership fee of \$1,000 will be sent to you via E-mail.*

#### **Contact Information**

**Institution Name:**

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#### **Membership Requirements**

The Federation of Traditional Chinese Medicine Colleges of Canada (FTCMCC) has established minimum curriculum requirements for member institutions offering educational programs for Acupuncturists, TCM Practitioners and Doctors of TCM. All member Institutions joining the FTCMCC, must have a curriculum which provides the knowledge, skills and clinical experience necessary for students to achieve the national professional practice requirements set out by the:

- Entry-Level Occupational Competencies for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists established by CARB
- Doctor of TCM Entry Level Competencies established by the CTCMA of BC (if applicable)

FTCMCC Accreditation Requirements for Institutions:

- The Institution must be eligible for government student loans
- The Institution must be permitted to recruit international students
- The Institution must meet the minimum requirements outlined below for each program

I, (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ declare that (Institution name) \_\_\_\_\_ meets or exceeds the minimum requirements for FTCMCC membership outlined on the pages that follow.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## TCM-ACUPUNCTURE PROGRAMS

### *Admission, Duration and Academic Requirements*

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Minimum Requirement</b>
<b>1. Admission requirement</b>	Completion of Grade 12 <sup>1</sup>
<b>2. Program length</b>	2-6 years
2.1. Minimum duration	24 calendar months
2.2. Maximum duration	6 calendar years
<b>3. Program hours</b>	1,900 total hours
3.1. Of which are didactic hours	1,450 didactic
3.2. Of which are clinical hours	450 clinical (of which at least 225 hours must be <b>supervised practice</b> )
<b>4. Subject area requirements<sup>2</sup></b>	Number of didactic hours: <sup>3</sup>
4.1. Interpersonal Skills, Professionalism, Practice Management	90 hours
4.2. Traditional Chinese Medicine Foundations	400 hours
4.3. Fundamentals of Biomedicine	250 hours
4.4. Diagnostics and Treatment	450 hours
4.5. Acupuncture Techniques	180 hours
4.6. Herbal Dispensary Management	N/A
4.7. Safety	80 hours
4.8. TCM Classics	N/A
4.9. Advanced TCM Practice	N/A
4.10. Scholarship and Research	N/A
<b>5. Student evaluation</b>	Passing grade ≥60%

<sup>1</sup> Although the minimum admission requirement to attend post-secondary TCM training in Canada is completion of Grade 12, students planning to register their license in British Columbia should be aware that registration there requires “not less than two (2) years of liberal arts or sciences study (comprised of at least 60 credits) in an accredited college or chartered/approved university acceptable to the registration committee.” <https://www.ctcma.bc.ca/media/1942/ctcma-bylaws-and-schedules.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> For guidance on topics that should be covered in each subject area, please refer to the CARB Entry-Level Occupational Competency Profile <https://www.ctcma.bc.ca/quality-practice/entry-level-tcm-competencies/> and the CTCMA of BC Education Program Review application page: <https://www.ctcma.bc.ca/resources/education-program-review/>

<sup>3</sup> NOTE: Not all subject areas must be covered in stand-alone courses of the same name. There may be overlap in the subject areas among multiple courses.

# TCM-PRACTITIONER PROGRAMS

## *Admission, Duration and Academic Requirements*

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Minimum Requirement</b>
1. <b>Admission requirement</b>	Completion of Grade 12 <sup>4</sup>
2. <b>Program length</b>	3-8 years
2.1. Minimum duration	36 calendar months
2.2. Maximum duration	8 calendar years
3. <b>Program hours</b>	2,600 total hours
3.1. Of which are didactic hours	1,950 didactic
3.2. Of which are clinical hours	650 clinical (of which at least 425 hours must be in supervised practice)
4. <b>Subject area requirements<sup>5</sup></b>	Number of didactic hours: <sup>6</sup>
4.1. Interpersonal Skills, Professionalism, Practice Management	90 hours
4.2. Traditional Chinese Medicine Foundations	550 hours
4.3. Fundamentals of Biomedicine	300 hours
4.4. Diagnostics and Treatment	660 hours
4.5. Acupuncture Techniques	180 hours
4.6. Herbal Dispensary Management	80 hours
4.7. Safety	90 hours
4.8. TCM Classics	N/A
4.9. Advanced TCM Practice	N/A
4.10. Scholarship and Research	N/A
5. <b>Student evaluation</b>	Passing grade $\geq 60\%$

<sup>4</sup> See footnote 1

<sup>5</sup> See footnote 2

<sup>6</sup> See footnote 3

# TCM-DOCTOR PROGRAMS

## *Admission, Duration and Academic Requirements:*

Requirement Category	Minimum Requirement
1. <b>Admission requirement</b>	Completion of Grade 12 <sup>7</sup>
2. <b>Program length</b>	4-8 years
2.1. Minimum duration	48 calendar months
2.2. Maximum duration	8 calendar years
3. <b>Program hours</b>	3,250 total hours
3.1. Of which are didactic hours	2,200 didactic
3.2. Of which are clinical hours	1,050 clinical (of which at least 825 hours must be in supervised practice)
4. <b>Subject area requirements<sup>8</sup></b>	Number of didactic hours: <sup>9</sup>
4.1. Interpersonal Skills, Professionalism, Practice Management	90 hours
4.2. Traditional Chinese Medicine Foundations	550 hours
4.3. Fundamentals of Biomedicine	300 hours
4.4. Diagnostics and Treatment	660 hours
4.5. Acupuncture Techniques	200 hours
4.6. Herbal Dispensary Management	80 hours
4.7. Safety	90 hours
4.8. TCM Classics	90 hours
4.9. Advanced TCM Practice	120 hours
4.10. Scholarship and Research	20 hours
5. <b>Student evaluation</b>	Passing grade $\geq 60\%$

<sup>7</sup> See footnote 1. In addition, Applicants for the Dr. TCM examination in British Columbia must already be registered as R.TCM.P. or be eligible to apply for R.TCM.P. registration. [https://www.ctcma.bc.ca/media/1828/2020-drtcm\\_examination\\_candidate\\_handbook.pdf](https://www.ctcma.bc.ca/media/1828/2020-drtcm_examination_candidate_handbook.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> See footnote 2

<sup>9</sup> See footnote 3