

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
School of Chinese Medicine
Master of Chinese Medicine (MChinMed) (part-time)
Streams offered: Gynaecology, Acupuncture and Moxibustion, **Clinical Pharmacy***
(*new stream for 2025/26 admission)

A. Programme Overview

In view of the rapid changes in the market demand and to align with the Government's pragmatic approach in promoting the development of Chinese Medicine, the School has launched the new MChinMed programme with different streams, i.e. Oncology/Gynaecology*/Acupuncture and Moxibustion* since 2019/20. As time evolves, especially with the first new traditional Chinese medicine hospital commencing full operation by the end of 2025, the demand for competent healthcare professionals devoted to the integration of Chinese and Western Medicine disciplines, legitimacy and safety concerning the clinical prescriptions, and preparation of Chinese medicines would surge in the long run. The offer of the new stream of Clinical Pharmacy* in 2025/26, would address such market demand in future, and, it also serves as another stream offered by the School.

The curriculum shall normally extend over **two academic years of part-time studies** and it shall tentatively commence by September/October 2025. It bears a total of 69 credits regardless of streams, and it offers two pathways, namely *project-based* and *practice-based* aiming to offer students with a higher degree of flexibility and cater for different students' needs. The structure of the curriculum is **revised** as below:

Year 1 (27 credits)	<u>Common courses (15 credits)</u>		
	Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine (3 credits) Chinese Medicine Therapeutics of Pain Disorders (3 credits) Classical Literature of Chinese Medicine (9 credits)		
	<u>Core courses of chosen stream (12 credits)</u>		
Year 2 (42 credits)	<u>Courses must be taken regardless of pathways</u>		
	Seminars on Progress of Modern Research of Chinese Medicine (6 credits)		
	<u>Capstone experience for streams other than Clinical Pharmacy</u>		
	Clinical Attachment of chosen stream (6 credits) Advanced Clinical Attachment of chosen stream-I (6 credits)		
	<u>Capstone experience for stream of Clinical Pharmacy</u>		
	Practical Training of Pharmaceutical Science for Chinese Medicines (6 credits) Industrial Pharmacy Practice for Chinese Medicines (6 credits)		
	<u>Project-based</u>	<u>Practice-based</u>	
	• Individual Project (24 credits)	<u>For streams other than Clinical Pharmacy</u>	<u>For stream of Clinical Pharmacy</u>
		• Advanced Clinical Attachment of chosen stream-II (18 credits) • Clinical Report (6 credits)	• Chinese Medicine Dispensary Internship (18 credits) • Placement Report (6 credits)
Total	69 credits		

B. Eligibility

To be eligible for admission to the curriculum leading to the degree of Master of Chinese Medicine (*regardless of the streams*), a candidate shall:

- (i) comply with the General Regulations but with a waiver of Regulation G2(b);
- (ii) comply with the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula but with a waiver of Regulation TPG2(d); and
- (iii) hold the degree of Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine/Bachelor of Chinese

- Medicine of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; or a recognized Bachelor's degree in medicine, science, dentistry, physiotherapy or other healthcare related programme and a recognized diploma in Chinese Medicine from a university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose (*for candidates opting for the stream of Oncology/Gynaecology/Clinical Pharmacy*); or
- (iv) hold the degree of Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine or Bachelor of Chinese Medicine of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; or a recognized Bachelor's degree in medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy or other healthcare related programme and a recognized diploma in acupuncture from a university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose (*for candidates opting for the stream of Acupuncture and Moxibustion*).

C. Programme learning outcomes

After completion of the programme in different streams, students should be able to:

- demonstrate competence in clinical diagnosis in terms of interpretation of diagnosis results, adoption of different effective means and prescription of different herbal medicines for treating serious illnesses; master the latest knowledge, skills and research methodologies in the profession of Acupuncture and Moxibustion as well as grasping the essence of authentication, quality control and CM Dispensary management;
- demonstrate the capacity in interpreting classical literatures effectively and apply the essence of diagnosis of illnesses in different streams; keep abreast of the research development of the discipline;
- demonstrate independent thinking and innovative ability, and be capable of raising constructive academic queries;
- conduct research on leading-edge topics and contribute to the betterment of healthcare in the respective stream by enhancing the effectiveness of applying different therapeutic methods of Chinese Medicine;
- demonstrate an advanced understanding and extensive knowledge in the field of acupuncture and technical skills, integrate these knowledge with modern scientific skills and enhance one's clinical diagnostic and managing capability;
- be highly competent in prescribing effective, safe and proper treatment for different diseases or illnesses from the perspective of Chinese Medicine, including prescription of Chinese herbal drugs and applying other means such as acupuncture and moxibustion where appropriate;
- demonstrate effective problem-solving skills to tackle clinical difficulties in different streams from the perspective of Chinese Medicine as well as taking reference from the latest market trend and regulatory policy on Chinese Medicines;
- adopt an integrated approach of Chinese and Western Medicine in diagnosis and medical treatment where appropriate;
- communicate effectively with patients and other healthcare workers in a professional manner;
- disseminate correct healthcare information related to specific illnesses to the general public;
- uphold professional ethics and integrity as a professional Chinese Medicine practitioner/acupuncturist; and
- assume a leadership role in the respective stream of Chinese Medicine.

D. The Curriculum (2025/26 intake)

Curriculum structure	Credit Units
Theoretical courses	27
Seminars	6
<u>Capstone experience for streams other than Clinical Pharmacy</u>	
- Clinical Attachment-I	6
- Advanced Clinical Attachment-I	6
<u>Project-based</u>	
- Individual Project	
or	
<u>Practice-based</u>	
- Advanced Clinical Attachment-II	
- Clinical Report	
	24
<u>Capstone experience for stream of Clinical Pharmacy</u>	
- Practical Training of Pharmaceutical Science for Chinese Medicines	6
- Industrial Pharmacy Practice for Chinese Medicines	6
<u>Project-based</u>	
- Individual Project	
or	
<u>Practice-based</u>	
- Chinese Medicine Dispensary Internship	
- Placement Report	
	24
Total number of credits	69

E. Course assessment and medium of instruction

Appropriate assessments, including examination(s) and/or other coursework, will be arranged at the end of each course. The majority of the courses is taught by Cantonese/Mandarin, but some courses and materials may be delivered in English. Applicants should be proficient in written and spoken Chinese, and English as well.

F. Application for Admission

Applications are to be submitted via the online application system at

<https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions/programme-details?programme=master-of-chinese-medicine-med>

(only online applications are accepted)

Closing date and time	Streams (Acupuncture and Moxibustion & Gynaecology)	Stream (Clinical Pharmacy)
	12 noon (GMT+8) Mar 27, 2025 (Thu)	12 noon (GMT+8) May 16, 2025 (Fri)

For more details of our programme, please visit our School's website (www.scm.hku.hk) which would be updated regularly.

G. Selection process and notification of results

Shortlisted candidates may be invited to interview and sit for any other selection test(s) (if applicable). The application results would be announced in batches by April-June 2025 (for the streams of Acupuncture and Moxibustion & Gynaecology) and May-July 2025 (for the stream of Clinical Pharmacy) respectively.

H. Tuition fees (*exclusive of necessary costs incurred in clinical attachment, if any*)

Tuition Fees (2025/26 rates): Part-time: HK\$73,500 per year
(Total amount: HK\$147,000/programme, subject to the Council's approval)
(To be paid in two installments in each year)
Application fee is **NOT** refundable

I. Conferment of degree

On successful completion of the curriculum, including the completion of assessment(s)/examination(s) to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners, the degree to be conferred is "Master of Chinese Medicine" (中醫學碩士).

J. Enquiries

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