

# TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE (TCM)

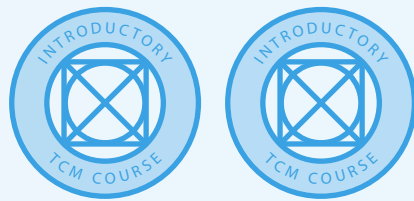
## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ACUPUNCTURE: THE STRUCTURE

### TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ACUPUNCTURE

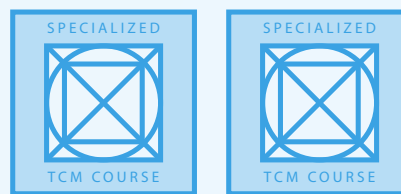
7 Credit Hours

#### 1. Four TCM Courses

Introductory  
TCM Courses



Specialized  
TCM Courses



Introductory courses cover core TCM theories and concepts while specialized courses focus on the TCM acupuncture treatment modality.

6+ Credit Hours

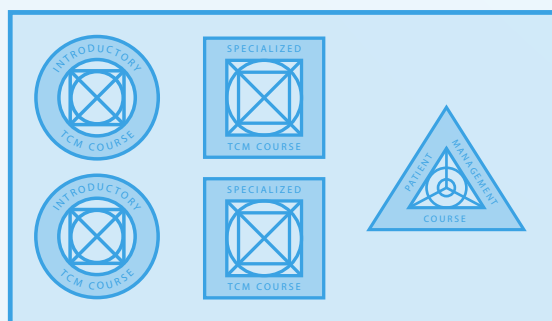
#### 2. One Patient-Management Course



The discipline-specific, patient-management course comes from the student's program of study at Augusta University and can focus on wellness, acute/chronic pain, spasticity/pain, etc.

4 Credit Hours

#### 3. One Clinical-Experience Capstone Course



Completed under the supervision of a practitioner licensed TCM acupuncture, the capstone clinical experience connects the TCM acupuncture treatment modality and student's chosen discipline-specific, patient-management courses.

This course is an elective from the student's program of study at Augusta University. It can be completed in the United States or in China.



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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ACUPUNCTURE: AN EXAMPLE



Mary just graduated with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Augusta University. She also earned a Traditional Chinese Medicine Graduate Certificate in Acupuncture.

Her clinical interest was in the rehabilitation of stroke patients, with a focus on how the use of acupuncture can assist with spasticity and pain stemming from the central nervous system.

Here is Mary's TCM journey:

1

Mary took CTCM 7000 and 7010 to get background information on Traditional Chinese Medicine, followed by CTCM 7020 and 7030 to gain in-depth knowledge and skills in acupuncture.

2

Next, Mary took PTHP 8351 to gain in-depth knowledge and skills in working with neuromuscular disorders. By the time she got to the most advanced TCM course, she already had a strong grasp on stroke patients and spasticity/ pain stemming from the central nervous system.

3

Last but not least, Mary completed the capstone through a 4-week study abroad at the prestigious Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, where she worked with experienced clinicians and faculty and gained hands-on experience in rehabilitating stroke patients through acupuncture.

### TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ACUPUNCTURE



2 Introductory TCM Courses  
2 Acupuncture Courses



1 Physical Therapy Patient-Management Course



1 Physical Therapy Elective Course Serves as  
Clinical-Experience Capstone for the Certificate



CTCM 7000  
Introduction to Traditional Chinese Medicine  
1 Credit Hour



CTCM 7010  
Applied Traditional Chinese Medicine  
2 Credit Hours



CTCM 7020  
Meridians and Acupoints  
2 Credit Hours



PTHP 8351  
Neuromuscular  
8 Credit Hours



CTCM 7030  
Acupuncture Techniques and Treatment  
2 Credit Hours



PTHP 9394  
Elective  
4 Credit Hours

Mary thus took a total of 6 courses (19 credit hours) over the course of 3 years. With just 7 credit hours beyond her DPT program coursework, she was able to earn the certificate and not delay her graduation.

