



FIVE BRANCHES UNIVERSITY

Graduate School of Traditional Chinese Medicine



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In 1984 Five Branches University became one of the first Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) colleges in the United States. Today Five Branches University is recognized as one of the top universities in our field, providing the highest level of professional education in TCM and Integrative Medicine in both the U.S. and internationally.

Mission

Five Branches University, a Graduate School of Traditional Chinese Medicine, is dedicated to educating students to become exceptional practitioners, educators and researchers.



President's Address

Five Branches has fostered the academic and professional growth of Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioners for over 30 years. Thanks to the help of doctors from around the world, Traditional Chinese Medicine has entered the modern world. Major hospitals have acupuncture departments and one of the leading American hospitals, the Cleveland Clinic, has a TCM herbal pharmacy. As a medicine, we have come a long way in the last fifty years. Every leading cancer center in the U.S. includes Traditional Chinese Medicine. Meanwhile, many of our graduates and their patients prefer the serenity of a private practice or small group practice.

Our education and degrees have evolved. You can now receive a Doctorate of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and you can continue your studies and reach the highest level of professional training through the postgraduate Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Most importantly, Traditional Chinese Medicine remains one of the most effective and safest healthcare systems in the world, assisting patients with a wide range of health issues from stroke to pain. Our faculty and graduates reflect on the value and meaningfulness of their work in assisting people to optimize their health.

If you are considering Traditional Chinese Medicine, you may enjoy reading *The Web That Has No Weaver*, by Harvard graduate Ted Kaptchuck. If Traditional Chinese Medicine is your calling, I hope you will consider Five Branches University, where you will learn from highly experienced Traditional Chinese Medicine and Western practitioners, many with over 30 years of clinical experience.

Sincerely,
Ron Zaidman,
President and CEO



When you join the Five Branches community you become immersed in the 5000 year-old healing tradition passed down from teacher to student for generations.

DTCM/MTCM Dual-Degree Overview

Our Dual Doctor and Master Degree of Traditional Chinese Medicine is a single program that confers two degrees upon graduation. This entry level program provides you with a strong foundation in TCM diagnosis, Acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine, the latest TCM research, extensive clinical training and a comprehensive Integrative Medical education. You may study the program in either the English or Chinese language





ACUPUNCTURE

EXPERT INSTRUCTION

5 ELEMENTS

CLINICAL TRAINING

HERBOLOGY

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ENERGETICS

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DESIGNED FOR LICENSED ACUPUNCTURISTS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING ADVANCED TCM KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND GAINING VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING.



DAOM Program Overview

The postgraduate Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (DAOM) program is designed for licensed acupuncturists interested in developing advanced TCM knowledge and skills, achieving a medical specialization, and gaining valuable experience in research and teaching.

As a DAOM student you will:

- ❖ Expand and refine your knowledge and expertise in TCM patient care
- ❖ Gain the clinical treatment skills needed to work in an integrative medical setting
- ❖ Build professional relationships with TCM clinicians and other healthcare providers
- ❖ Develop yourself as a leader in the field of TCM as a practitioner, teacher or researcher

The DAOM program is offered at the San Jose campus in both English and Chinese. The two-year program is 1280 hours in length comprised of both didactic and clinical training. DAOM courses are offered once per month during three to four-day weekend intensives with a flexible clinical training schedule, allowing you to earn a doctorate degree in as little as 24 months while maintaining your private practice.

Externships and Travel Abroad

At Five Branches University we offer some of the most exclusive externships and study abroad programs. Through these programs you will be able to spend up to 25% of your clinical training hours out in real world situations and gain new perspectives on the medicine from teachers abroad.



Our local externship programs offer a broad range of settings; from settings providing you with valuable hands-on clinical experience in a private practice, to open community clinics, and cutting edge integrative medicine environment. We have externships at locations such as MHCAN (Mental Health Client Action Network), Highland Hospital, Veteran's clinics and more. These opportunities include working with a varied patient populations that will expose you to many real world situations not found in a classroom.



In our Study Abroad Program, accompanied by Five Branches' native speaking faculty and fellow classmates from our DTCM/MTCM and DAOM programs, you can travel to Asia for a period of two to four weeks to receive specialized TCM and Integrative Medicine training in an affiliated hospital and outpatient center at one of our five sister schools, in China, Taiwan, South Korea and Vietnam. Locations include schools such as Zhejiang Chinese Medical University, Liaoning University of TCM, Tianjin University of TCM, Daejeon University and many more.




Our Faculty

The Five Branches faculty has been carefully selected from experienced Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and Western medicine teachers in the United States and China. Many of our faculty have studied under TCM Masters from China and have over 40 years experience practicing and teaching TCM. The majority of our Chinese faculty trained in China's most prestigious TCM universities and hospitals, such as Shanghai University of TCM, Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, Guangzhou Sun Yat Sen Medical University, Liaoning University of TCM, Fujian University of TCM, and Zhejiang Chinese Medical University. Our faculty also includes seasoned medical doctors who teach academic and clinical Western Medicine courses.

As a student of Five Branches you will learn from highly skilled and experienced teachers who bring a strong foundation of both Chinese and Western medicine into the classroom. You will have the opportunity to absorb their wisdom through direct teaching, and to observe the intangible qualities of compassion and caring in their interactions with patients. You will experience faculty who are passionate about Chinese medicine, interested in achieving academic excellence, and who are eager to assist you with your personal growth and success as a TCM practitioner.

The Five Branches faculty is a dedicated community of practitioners, teachers, international lecturers, and published authors whose exceptional qualities are reflected in the skill and confidence of Five Branches graduates and in the school's 30 plus year history of academic and clinical excellence.



Our faculty include experienced medical doctors who teach academic and clinical Integrative Medicine.



Student Life and Locations

Located in sunny California, our Santa Cruz and San Jose campuses offer students at Five Branches University the best of both worlds, from the relaxing atmosphere of beautiful beaches and redwood forests to the high energy excitement of a city filled with culture, entertainment and technology. The close proximity of the two campuses allows our students to take classes at either location at their convenience.

Campus Resources

Both of our campuses provide students with the setting and amenities they need to excel, such as spacious classrooms and small class sizes; an optimal environment for interactive and meaningful teacher-student relationships.

Five Branches University's health centers treat over 160 patients a day, providing clinical education for our students, as well as exceptional public healthcare. With 38 treatment rooms, herbal pharmacies containing over 500 medicinal products and expert clinical instruction, our modern facilities are places of learning and community service.

For students working on patient cases or preparing for exams, our libraries are quiet havens for research and study. Our libraries are the information conduits of our campuses with over 6,000 books and journals about TCM and Western medicine, computers with wireless internet, study aid programs, and helpful staff.



SANTA CRUZ



Five Branches University, located in the beautiful beach town of Santa Cruz, is just a short walk from the beach and harbor where many of our students and faculty have lunch and relax during their off time. The campus radiates a natural and peaceful feeling. Located within a residential community, you can choose to live close-by, drive or even ride your bike to school.



Santa Cruz is known for its sun baked beaches and laid back attitude, organic food and health conscious lifestyle. There's always something to do; from visiting the world famous Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, to the numerous world famous music venues, restaurants and local shops, you'll find fun places to explore.

For those who want to get away from it all and be closer to nature, there's plenty to do. Whether it's hiking amongst the redwoods, camping in Big Sur, surfing along the many beaches, biking along any of the numerous beautiful trails, or just taking a drive down Highway One, paradise is just around the corner.

SAN JOSE

In the heart of Silicon Valley, just 30 miles North-East of our Santa Cruz Campus, our San Jose campus located at the center of a bustling commercial metropolis that is home to major players in the world of technology, such as Google, eBay, Twitter and Facebook. Universities in the San Jose area are plentiful, with the most renowned being Stanford. San Jose is a large metropolitan area with many opportunities. The city of San Francisco and the beaches of the Monterey Bay are only a short commute away.





Life After Graduation

The opportunities after graduation are numerous and diverse. Many of our graduates, either alone or with their fellow graduates, open a private practice. In your private practice, you may specialize in an area of interest such as pain management, oncology, pediatrics, and many more. If starting your own business isn't what you want, Five Branches' reputation of providing a high quality TCM education allows our graduates to gain positions at Chinese Medical herb distribution companies, health centers, and spas nationwide.

For graduates of the DAOM/Ph.D. program, there are many more opportunities. This includes joining medical facilities such as Kaiser-Permanente and the Cancer Treatment Centers of America. With the DAOM degree, you gain the ability to teach, and join research departments in leading hospitals and universities.

*Acupuncture without borders.
Treating survivors in Nepal after
the 2015 earthquake.*



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Tuition & Financial Aid

Tuition for the DTCM/MTCM Dual Degree program at Five Branches University is averaged at \$5,800 per trimester. It is recommended to complete the program in 11 consecutive terms. Need based Federal funding and Grad Plus loans are available for those who qualify through FAFSA. Limited amounts of funding is also offered through scholarships.

All applicants must have fulfilled the minimum education requirements of 90 semester credits (equivalent to 135 quarter credits) of general education from a regionally accredited degree-granting college or university, with a minimum 3.00 GPA.

Tuition for our 1280-hour DAOM program tuition is \$20,000, to be paid over a period of two years. Need based Federal Financial Aid is available and limited scholarships are available as well.

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*May your healing hands
restore youth.*



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