BSc (Hons) Chinese Medicine: Acupuncture

Accredited by the British Acupuncture Accreditation Board (BAAB)
**Our Chinese Medicine: Acupuncture course will give you the skills you need to be an acupuncturist.**

The BSc (Hons) Chinese Medicine: Acupuncture programme is run in conjunction with the award winning Confucius Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CITCM).

The course covers the science and art of acupuncture. Alongside learning about historical tradition of Chinese medicine, you will also study acupuncture from a scientific perspective.

You will gain an excellent foundation in the theory and application of acupuncture. Furthermore, extensive clinical experience will enable you to apply theory to practice. The course includes an introduction to Chinese language and culture and in addition to this you will learn western biomedical sciences and research methodologies. You’ll learn from practitioners from our partner institution, Heilongjiang University of Chinese Medicine, as well as UK based acupuncturists.

All students can apply for scholarships from the Confucius Institute, to study in a Chinese hospital or undertake further language training in China.

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**Mode of study**

- 3 years full-time / 5 years part time

The main delivery of academic content for this course is at the weekend and evenings and students will attend clinic on weekdays.

**Facilities**

LSBU has spent millions to create state of the art teaching and learning facilities for its students based in the faculty of Health and Social Care.

As a student you will have access to specially designed lecturing and teaching rooms as well as the Chinese Clinic for acupuncturists. The public are able to access the Chinese Clinic for treatment meaning you are able to practice your skills on a variety of patients with real treatment needs as well as within an environment which accurately recreates an acupuncturist practice.

**Career opportunities**

This course will prepare you for work as a professional acupuncturist either within private practice or through the NHS. Many of our recent graduates have become professional clinical practitioners in acupuncture. There are also opportunities to go into further study or research.

**Course modules**

**Year 1**
- Chinese medicine 1: basic principles
- Concepts of inter-professional practice in health and social care
- Tuina and Jingluo 1
- Clinic 1: observation A
- Chinese language 1
- Biomedicine 1: anatomy and physiology
- History of Chinese medicine

**Year 2**
- Tuina and Jingluo 2
- Clinic 2: observation B
- Biomedicine 2: pathophysiology and pharmacology
- Sociology of health
- Chinese language 2
- Chinese medicine 2: pattern differentiation
- Running a practice

**Year 3**
- Expertise, evidence and research: informing clinical practice
- Clinic 3: patient management A
- Chinese medicine 3: integration
- Biomedicine 3: diagnosis and treatment
- Clinic 3: patient management B

**Entry requirements**

200 UCAS points:
- A minimum of two A levels - CDD
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DMM or
- BTEC National Diploma in a related area at merit or
- Access to HE Diploma in a science, Health Studies or similar – minimum 30 credits at Level 3 at merit or
- FdSc or higher apprenticeship in a relevant subject or
- Health and Social Care or Science AVCE or
- We also consider applications from those who have gained relevant skills through a wide range of vocational qualifications or responsible experience
- Chinese students should have a pass in the State Entrance Exam, with minimum score of 550-600 points

**Course code:**

Chinese Medicine: Acupuncture:
- full-time BH43 / part-time 4172
The Confucius Institute for Traditional Chinese Medicine

LSBU is proud to host the world’s first Confucius Institute for Traditional Chinese Medicine (CITCM).

This is a joint initiative with Heilongjiang University of Chinese Medicine, Harbin Normal University and the Office of Chinese Language Council International, China (OCLCI, commonly known as Hanban).

The Confucius Institute focuses on promoting Chinese culture with a specific focus on Traditional Chinese Medicine and Chinese Wellbeing. The Institute delivers classes, workshops and events to promote traditional Chinese medicine and Chinese wellbeing for all ages.

The Confucius Institute has won Confucius Institute of the year consecutively from 2009, up to 2012.

Scholarships

The Confucius Institute at LSBU provides scholarships for further study in Chinese Medicine and language in China. Find out more about our Confucius Institute http://www.ci4tcm.com

What our students say

“Studying at LSBU has been an absolute delight for me. We are a small class, which makes the quality of teaching very high as we receive more personalised attention.

The best thing about the course is that we have teachers from both China and the UK, who teach us Chinese language and culture, so we understand the history and roots behind acupuncture. We also have the opportunity to go to China for our placement within our third year.

Maria Therese Kohl
Chinese Medicine: Acupuncture student

“As a mature student, my studies have to fit in with work and family, and LSBU’s ability to deliver lectures on weeknights and weekends works very well for me.

The teaching here is excellent and delivered by a diverse group of lecturers, all of whom are experienced acupuncturists, both British and Chinese and the course is accredited by the British Acupuncture Accreditation Board (BAAB).

I’m in my 2nd year, we are a cohort of 13 students – and it is my privilege to be in a group that is so stimulating, supportive, entertaining and like-minded.

All the lectures, seminars, and research I conduct boils down to one thing – being able to bring all the knowledge together when I am in clinic. All the hard work will culminate in realising my ambition to set up an acupuncture practice as soon as I graduate.

Tess Lugos
Chinese Medicine: Acupuncture student
Our people

Course Director Ian Appleyard MBAcC

Ian is the Course Director of Traditional Chinese Medicine: Acupuncture programmes at LSBU Confucius Institute of Chinese Medicine (LSBU CI for TCM). Ian commenced his studies in Chinese medicine throughout the early 1990s. In 1995, Ian studied with Yuji Ikeda a private practitioner in Chiba, Japan. He graduated with a BSc in Acupuncture from Westminster University in 1998.

After several years of private practice as an acupuncturist in Brighton Ian decided to go to China to learn more about Chinese Medicine, language and culture. He spent over two years in Shanghai studying part-time at the Shu Guan Hospital and the Longhua Meridian Research Institute. In addition Ian completed a year of postgraduate clinical training at the Jiangsu Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Nanjing (which is recognised by the World Health Organisation as a training institute for Chinese Medicine).

On his return to the UK Ian once again worked as a private practitioner and started lecturing at the Northern College of Acupuncture. Ian became Course Director at LSBU CI for TCM in 2008 and is currently undertaking a PhD investigating acupuncture and moxibustion for knee pain.

Senior Lecturer and Clinic Lead: Dr Huang Weidong PhD MATCM

Weidong graduated with a Master’s degree from Beijing University of Chinese Medicine (BUCM). Following eight years of professional training in both Chinese and Western medicine. He lectured and practiced as a Doctor at BUCM specialising in acupuncture and Chinese medicine. In 1999, Weidong came to the UK to work as an acupuncturist and a Doctor of Chinese medicine. In 2009 he was awarded his PhD degree by the University of West London for his research project in traditional Chinese acupuncture for stress. Currently Weidong works as a Senior Lecturer and Clinic Lead in acupuncture at LSBU.

Biomedicine Lead: Awais Mian MBAcC

Awais has a BSc (Hons) Acupuncture as well as a BSc (Hons) in Biological Chemistry and Cell Biology. Awais has worked in public and private practice and brings his experience into his teaching of the biomedical sciences modules, clinical supervision, and business modules on the course. Awais is an experienced tai Ji quan and qigong teacher. He is also currently involved in research in integrated health for LSBU.

Clinic manager: Dr She Jun PhD MATCM

She Jun graduated with a PhD in Heilongjiang University of Chinese Medicine in 2007. He previously worked as a TCM Doctor in the Modern Chinese Medicine Research Clinic in Harbin, China for three years before coming to LSBU. His interests involve treating pain and neurology related conditions with acupuncture and tuina. He currently lectures on the Point location and Tuina modules at LSBU. He is also a taiji and Yijinjing instructor.
Jani White is an acupuncturist and a doula and has over 20 years’ experience of UK maternity and gynaecology services. Jani teaches extensively in Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Fertility, based from the MA degree programme she wrote for Oxford Brookes University. She is the national coordinator of the Acupuncture Fertility Network (AFN). Jani has run international conferences for the integration of Chinese and Western medicine for Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and she also teaches courses for midwives and fertility practitioners.

Tony Booker has been practicing Shiatsu, Acupuncture and Chinese medicine since 1994 and worked for 10 years in a center for people with physical disability. He has been President of The Register of Chinese Herbal Medicine, a Director of The European Herbal and Traditional Practitioners Association and is currently a member of The Herbal Medicines Advisory Committee. He has travelled several times to China where he has studied as an intern in the acupuncture and internal medicine departments in hospitals at Guangzhou and Hangzhou.

Neil Quinton studied acupuncture at the College of Integrated Chinese Medicine, and Chinese herbal medicine at the London College of Traditional Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Since graduating he has undertaken further studies in Chinese medical psychiatry with Bob Flaws, as well as written and spoken Chinese. Since 2002 he has worked in partnership with mental health services in Walsall delivering acupuncture services for people with severe and enduring mental health problems. He also teaches acupuncture and mental health to both western and eastern trained acupuncturists. In partnership with Patricia Ronan and Dominic Harbinson, Neil has published articles in professional journals concerning acupuncture and its potential in the treatment of mental health problems.

David Mayor has been in private practice as an acupuncturist in Hertfordshire since 1982, with several years’ prior experience as a massage therapist. Since 1988 he has made electro acupuncture (EA) a specialty, and has lectured on the subject at courses and conferences organised by the Acupuncture Association of Chartered Physiotherapists (AACP), British Acupuncture Council (BAcC) and British Medical Acupuncture Society (BMAS). He has also taught seminars on EA at many of the acupuncture colleges since 1996. He is actively involved in acupuncture research as an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Hertfordshire, and has acted as a supervisor on the LCTA/MSc Oriental Herbal Medicine programme at the University of East London. He is the editor of Electro Acupuncture: A Practical Manual and Resource (Elsevier, 2007), Energy Medicine East and West: A Natural History of Qi (Elsevier, 2011), and two other acupuncture textbooks (Donica, 2007 and 2009).

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Our location

London South Bank University (LSBU) is located in the heart of London, allowing you to make the most of what London has to offer and immerse yourself in the vibrant complementary medicine community within the city.

With a student body of more than 25,000 LSBU is diverse and culturally rich, with half of our students from ethnic minorities.

Directions

By train and tube our closest stations are: Waterloo, London Bridge and Elephant & Castle and they are all within walking distance.


By car: Parking in central London is very difficult and it is not possible to park in the University grounds or the surrounding roads.

Visit lsbu.ac.uk/studyacupuncture for further information and details of upcoming open days

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