

# TRANSITIONAL DOCTORATE FOR ACUPUNCTURE GRADUATES

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## ACUPUNCTURE DOCTORATE COMPLETION PROGRAM WITH INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE FOCUS

Join **the *original* transitional doctorate program created for acupuncture graduates.**

Over the years, Pacific College has grown the largest network of acupuncture doctorate graduates in the nation! Pacific College's transitional Doctorate of Acupuncture is the next step in education for those with a master's in acupuncture or equivalent: students

## REQUEST INFORMATION

**Designed for working practitioners, this online program can be completed by taking one course per semester, or by enrolling full time and completing the program in as few as two semesters.**

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The main objective of Pacific College's curriculum is to deepen students' understanding of biomedicine, Chinese medicine, acupuncture and of their role in integrative health care practice. Through a one-on-one online mentorship, students will receive guidance over the course of their professional development of ethics and communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills.

**Students will study evidence-informed practice, healthcare systems, and integrative case management.**

Unite with a community of other pioneers in our profession – and enjoy sharing best practices, collaborating, and acquiring new insights and knowledge to prepare you join the ranks of doctors in the holistic healthcare movement.

**NEXT TERM STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2024!**

## REAL STORIES ON HOW THIS PROGRAM IMPACTED OUR ALUMNI'S CAREERS.

Read

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Enroll in a flexible and interactive online program designed for the working practitioner

Enrich and further your current understanding of both biomedicine and Chinese medicine

Develop skills that can help you achieve success in the integrative healthcare system

Complete the program in as few as two semesters or study part time

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a healthcare practitioner

Herbal Medicine  
Specialization (DAcCHM)  
credential

**Download Information Packet  
and Application**



**Apply Here**



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Pacific College is accredited by WSCUC

Pacific College's acupuncture and  
Chinese medicine programs are  
accredited by ACAHM

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**FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY**

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

typically completed in 2 to 4 semesters. The classes are online and in real-time. You can see and hear your teacher and fellow doctoral candidates. A true sense of camaraderie is developed, and with no travel to San Diego required.

Because the 28 doctoral competencies are the same for all students, candidates who enter with a master's in Chinese herbal medicine or the equivalent will earn the Doctor of Acupuncture with a Chinese Herbal Medicine Specialization (DAcCHM), while those entering with a master's in acupuncture or the equivalent will earn the Doctor of Acupuncture (DAc).

Following application, non-Pacific College graduates will start the admissions process with a comparison of their master's curriculum to Pacific College's. All applicants will evidence the following:

- Pre-Requisites: 90 semester units of undergraduate coursework and a minimum GPA of 3.0 within your acupuncture education
- Co-Requisites: Upon evaluation of your transcripts, additional co-requisites may be required. Please note that if co-requisite requirements are identified, you may begin your program and have until graduation to complete these.

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A note about degree title: The term “Transitional” or “T” is used in advertising and catalogs to distinguish between this course of study taken by practicing acupuncturists and the one taken by new, entry-level students. However, because the goal of the program is to achieve degree parity, a “T” is not and should not be placed on the degree, consistent with the practice of the physical therapy profession and Pacific College’s approval by WSCUC. Graduates of these Pacific College programs will have an earned doctorate from a regionally accredited college.

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The transitional doctorate curriculum was developed by doctoral educators, subject matter experts, and experienced distance education designers.

**It is based on the 28 entry-level doctoral competencies.** The online delivery method has been developed and refined since 2012 in our undergraduate degrees and post-graduate Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (DAOM) program. It has been tremendously well received and embraced by students at all levels of computer literacy. The curriculum has been vetted by Pacific College alumni since fall 2015.

## MODEL CURRICULUM

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Foundations of Evidence-Informed Practice	5	75
Inter-Professional Communication	1	15
Healthcare Systems	3	45
Preventive Medicine and Public Health	2	30
Advanced Integrative Diagnostics	3	45
<b>Term 2</b>		
Integrative Pain Management	2	30
Integrative Case Management	3	45
Practice-Based Learning	3	45
Applications for Inter-Professional Communication	2	60
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>360</b>

In this program, you will find an emphasis on advancing your knowledge and skills to work effectively in a variety of integrative healthcare systems. **In so doing, you will expand the opportunities for yourself and future generations of acupuncturists by being an active part of the integrative healthcare movement.** Most importantly, you will be expanding the primary care and wellness options of your patients. Pacific College is proud to be at the forefront of entry-level doctoral education for new students. With this post-graduate program, it provides the same opportunity for the pioneers and experienced practitioners. **Contact a Doctoral Admissions Representative for a complimentary assessment of the 90 undergraduate credit requirement. There may be credits found within your acupuncture education that we can count toward your undergraduate credit requirement!**

“The fact that I am legally a doctor of my craft and can have “Dr.” on my business card speaks volumes. It brings a level of legitimacy and confidence to the patient that I don’t think was noticed before. Because of the title, I was able to raise my prices without any hesitation. I am forever grateful to Pacific College for helping me help people as part of a very rewarding

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**-Dr. Alex Ezzati, Transitional Doctorate Graduate,**  
[www.balancewithinyou.com](http://www.balancewithinyou.com) 

## MEET YOUR FACULTY

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GUPTHA, ND, DO,  
MBA, MS, PHD**

**DR. TUESDAY  
WASSERMAN,  
DIRECTOR -  
DACM, LAC**

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GERBER, DAOM,  
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**DR. SONEIL  
GUPTHA, MD,  
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PHD, LAC, MD

DR. KENNETH  
HOFFMAN, DACM,  
LAC, CCH

DR. LAMYA  
KAMEL, DAOM,  
LAC

DR. LENA KIAN,  
ND

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## READY TO APPLY?

Apply Now  


## TRANSITIONAL DOCTORATE FAQs

ARE ALUMNI FROM ALL  
ACUPUNCTURE COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES ELIGIBLE FOR THIS  
PROGRAM?

WHAT IS THE DEGREE THAT WILL  
BE AWARDED UPON SUCCESSFUL  
COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM?

SYNCHRONOUS OR  
ASYNCHRONOUS? IN OTHER  
WORDS, ARE THEY IN "REAL TIME?"

WHAT WILL THE SCHEDULE BE  
LIKE?

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE  
AVAILABLE FOR ANY OF THESE  
COURSES?

IS THERE A CAPSTONE PROJECT OR  
DISSERTATION?

WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY?

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AVAILABLE FOR MISSED CLASSES?

WHAT ARE MY FUNDING OPTIONS?


IS THIS PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY  
ACAHM?

WILL THERE BE CEUS/PDA  
AVAILABLE?


## FEDERAL CONSUMER DISCLOSURE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

For important information on program costs, completion and placement rates, median debt incurred, etc., please see the program disclosure document


### **San Diego Campus**

7445 Mission Valley Road,  
Suite 105  
San Diego, CA 92108 

### **New York Campus**

110 William St 19th floor  
New York, NY 10038 

### **Chicago Campus**

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Chicago, IL 60601 

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