

Acupuncture Practitioner

The Acupuncture Practitioner diploma program at triOS is **83 weeks. It includes 528 hours of clinical experience.**

Acupuncture Practitioners strive to put the body systems back in balance. Acupuncturists, through the skillful & careful placement of needles on “acupuncture points” treat what is known as “patterns of disharmony”. The goal is to clear the energy blockages and return the body to its normal flow and function.

As a student in this diploma program, you will gain extensive knowledge of Acupuncture that meets the national competency standards to enable you to undertake the Pan-Canadian examinations. In Ontario, graduates can apply for registration under the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncturists of Ontario.

Program Benefits

- ✓ Clinical Safety
- ✓ Small Class Sizes
- ✓ Hands on Training
- ✓ Job Placement Assistance
- ✓ First Aid Training
- ✓ Exams & Registration Preparation

Employment and Wage Outlook for Careers in this field:



Source: www.jobbank.gc.ca
NOC Code: 3232 / 32200 - Wage data rounded down to the nearest dollar. Average wage doesn't reflect the starting salary but represents the middle value between lowest to highest wages. Local (or regional) income may vary. Last updated in March 2024.



Career Opportunities

- Acupuncture or TCM Specialized Clinics
- Inter-Professional Clinics (Physiotherapy, Naturopathic, Osteopathy, Massage Therapy)
- Self-employed

Employers Who Have Hired triOS Grads



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Diploma Program Length:

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Here's a look at some of the courses included in this program:

Semester 1: **Laying the Foundations** **13 Weeks -252 Hours**

Biomedicine 1 Anatomy, Physiology, Terminology
Communications and the Healthcare Practitioner
Business Skills
Research and Interpretive Studies 1
Ethics and Professionalism
Student Success Strategies
TCM Myology

Semester 2: **Completing the Foundations of Biomedicine** **10 Weeks -212 Hours**

Biomedicine 2 Pathology, Terminology
Advanced Physiology
Pharmacology
Advanced Biomedicine 3
First Aid

Semester 3: **The Foundations of Traditional Chinese Medicine** **13 Weeks -315 Hours**

Meridian Theory 1
TCM Theory Foundations 1
Point Locations 1
Point Locations 2
Techniques of Acupuncture 1
Techniques of Acupuncture 2
Clinic Modalities
Diagnosis and Treatments 1
Needling Lab
TCM Clinical Safety
Modern Mental Disease
Modern Physical Disease

Semester 4: **Applying Your TCM Knowledge** **12 Weeks -328 Hours**

Observations Student Clinic
Pain Management and Rehabilitation 1
Pain Management and Rehabilitation 2
Orthopedics
Internal Medicine 1
Diagnosis & Treatments 2
Point Functions 1
Point Functions 2
TCM Terminology
Pediatrics
Gynecology 1
Comprehensive Examination 1
Direct Patient Care Clinic + Patient Care Study 1(Semester 4)

Semester 5: **Integrating Eastern and Western Treatments** **11 Weeks -323 Hours**

Point Functions 3
TCM Jurisprudence
TCM Nutritional Food Cures
Meridian Theory 2
Pathophysiological Conditions 1
Pathophysiological Conditions 2
Direct Patient Care Clinic (Semester 5)
Oriental Acupressure and Tuina 1
Oriental Acupressure and Tuina 2
Oriental Acupressure and Tuina 3
Qigong and Tai Chi
Comprehensive Examination 2

Semester 6: **Advanced TCM Analysis** **13 Weeks -320 Hours**

Research 2
TCM Theory Foundations 2
Pathophysiological Conditions 3
Gynecology 2
Internal Medicine 2
Internal Medicine 3
Career Planning and Preparation 1
Dermatology
Advanced Diagnosis
Direct Patient Care Clinic + Patient Care Study 2 (Semester 6)

Semester 7: Bringing It All Together

Clinical Case Studies
TCM Classics
Pan Canadian Exam Preparation
Final Examinations

Career Planning and Preparation 2
Direct Patient Care Clinic (Semester 7)

11 Weeks -270 Hours

CTCMPAO Application
Preparation

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A View of Your Program Schedule by Semester

Weekend clinics and classes are in person.

Weekday evening classes are a combination of Instructor led online and Asynchronous Home Study.

Semester 1 (13 weeks -252 hours) | Semester 2 (10 weeks - 212 hours)

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 6-8pm remote classes | 6-8pm remote classes | 6-8pm remote classes | 6-8pm remote classes | no classes | 8:30-12:30pm* on campus classes | no classes |
| plus 8 hrs online self study | | | | First Aid will be scheduled for 1 Friday | | |

Semester 3 (13 weeks -315 hours)

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| no classes | 6-8pm remote classes | 6-10pm Clinics: in-person | 6-8pm remote classes | no classes | 8:30-5:15* on campus classes | 8:30-5:15* on campus classes |
| plus 6 hrs online self study | | | | | *break 12:30-1:15PM | *break 12:30-1:15 PM |

Semester 4 (12 weeks -328 hours) | Semester 5 (11 weeks - 323 hours)

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 6-8pm remote classes | 6-8pm remote classes | 6-10pm Clinics: in-person | 6-8pm remote classes | no classes | 8:30-5:15* Clinics: in-person | 8:30-5:15* on campus classes |
| plus 6 hrs online self study | | | | | *break 12:30-1:15PM | *break 12:30-1:15PM |

Semester 6 (13 weeks -320 hours)

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 6-8pm remote classes | 6-8pm remote classes | 6-10pm Clinics: in-person | 6-8pm remote classes | no classes | 8:30-5:15* Clinics: in-person | 8:30-5:15* on campus classes week 1-10 |
| Week 1-5 only | | | Week 1-5, 7-11 | | *break 12:30-1:15PM | Clinics: in-person week 12-13 *break 12:30-1:15PM |
| plus 6 hrs online self study | | | | | | |

Semester 7 (11 weeks -270 hours)

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 6-8pm remote classes | 6-8pm remote classes | 6-10pm Clinics: in-person | 6-8pm remote classes | no classes | 8:30-5:15* Clinics: in-person | 8:30-5:15* Clinics: in-person week 1-4 |
| self-study review week | | | | | Program Finals week 11 | Extra Clinics: in-person week 6-10 |
| plus 6 hrs online self study | | | | | *break 12:30-1:15PM | *break 12:30-1:15PM |

Admission Requirements:

1. Student has an Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent, OR
2. An accepted equivalent by the time the program commences, OR
3. Is 18 years of age or older on or before the program begins AND can pass a qualifying test that has been approved by the Superintendent.
4. The approved qualifying test for this program is the Wonderlic test. A passing score for this program is 14.

*Applicants from other Canadian provinces must be at least 19 years of age and a minimum of 1 year out of high school by the program start date and successfully pass an academic achievement test.

International Students: Please contact us for more details regarding admissions requirements.

Skill/Practical Requirements:

1. A vulnerable person background check is required and submitted prior to participating in any clinic activity.
2. Students must complete all academic pre-requisites and complete 12 hours of Clinical Observation prior to participating in any clinic activity.

Accreditation Policy:

Like all post-secondary institutions in Ontario, triOS College reserves the right to accept or deny advanced standing into its programs.

Note:

In order to continuously improve our programs, triOS College reserves the right to modify programs at any time. Program delivery order may vary depending on the program start date. This diploma program may not be available at all campuses. The program may have additional reading weeks, depending on the start date

You can find our Key Performance Indicators (graduation rate, employment rate, etc.) at www.triOS.com/kpi.

These are statistics from 2018.

