

## 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:

**\$29**

Average Wage/Hr

**\$55**

High Wage/Hr

Source: [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://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

  
Massage Addict

  
HAND & STONE®  
MASSAGE AND FACIAL SPA

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NOC Code: 3232/32200

Diploma Program Length:

**83 Weeks**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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](http://www.triOS.com/kpi).**

These are statistics from 2018.

