2012
POSTGRADUATE
CHINESE MEDICINE

» Acupuncture
» Chinese herbal medicine

HARMONISING
EAST AND WEST
The acupuncture program provides you, as a health care practitioner, a unique opportunity to undertake a practical clinical education program in acupuncture. It focuses on Chinese acupuncture that is integrated with modern neurophysiology and an evidence-based medicine approach. Developed to meet the increasing demand for qualified acupuncturists, the program has been running for more than 15 years.

The program incorporates Western medicine diagnosis with Chinese medicine theory for the clinical management of various conditions. Workshops are run to provide you with a firm theoretical basis, and clinical practice is incorporated to enhance skills and learning. The acupuncture program is designed to help you acquire knowledge and skills in acupuncture.

Offered at both graduate diploma and master degree level, admission is dependent upon educational background, relevant clinical experience and satisfactory completion of each year of the program.

Pathway
Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and credit transfer are ways that RMIT recognises applicants’ skills and knowledge gained through formal and informal education and training, work experience, and/or life experience (including volunteer work, committee responsibilities, family duties, hobbies). If you have studied an approved Chinese Herbal Medicine program, you may be eligible for some exemptions.

Career outlook
Graduates will be suitably prepared for private or group practice.

Professional recognition
The Master of Applied Science (Acupuncture) is approved by the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria. As a graduate of the program you will be accepted by the Board subject to continued accreditation and can begin practice upon graduation. The program is also recognised by the following professional bodies:
- Australian Natural Therapies Association (ANTA)
- Acupuncture Association of Victoria Inc. (AAV)
- Federation of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Societies of Australia Inc. (FCMA)

Fees
Full fee-paying Australian residents
2012: A$8,640 per year
Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.
Please refer to fees on the back page for further information.

Additional costs
You will also need access to internet as the program uses the universities’ websites for lecture notes etc.

What you will study
The master program consists of 144 credit points. This incorporates graduate diploma (96 credit points).

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As a graduate of the program, you will meet the requirements set by the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria and equivalent accrediting bodies in other states.

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Career outlook
Graduates will be suitably prepared for private or group practice.

Professional recognition
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What you will study
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» Botany, medicinal chemistry and research methods 12
» Chinese medicine theory 1 12

Semester two
» Chinese medicine theory 2 12
» Chinese materia medica and formulae 1 12

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Semester one
» Chinese materia medica and formulae 2 12
» Pharmacology and toxicology 12

Semester two
» Classic literature in Chinese medicine 12
» Clinical Chinese medicine 1 12

Year three
Semester one
» Clinical Chinese medicine 2 12
» Professional issues and project 12

Semester two
» Clinical Chinese medicine 3 12
» Supervised clinical practice 4 12
Entrance requirements
You must hold an appropriate bachelor's degree in the healthcare profession or sciences (clinical diagnosis is required).
In addition, competence in the areas of physical examination and diagnosis is also required to facilitate safe practice when employing acupuncture or Chinese herbal medicine as a primary modality of care. Minor inadequacies in respect to this may be overcome by bridging courses in diagnosis and differential diagnosis in western medicine concurrent with the first years courses.

Application procedures
Apply online at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct
Timely applications for coursework programs are due by:
» 10 November each year (semester 1) and
» 31 May each year (midyear semester 2).
Applications will continue to be accepted until all places have been filled. You are encouraged to lodge your application early.
Midyear applications open on 1 May, visit www.rmit.edu.au/midyear

Fees
What you pay will depend on whether your are offered a Commonwealth supported place (CSP) or a full-fee place. Financial assistance is available for eligible students regardless of the type of place you enrol in.

Full-fee place
Full-fee students are required to pay the complete cost of their program. The fees vary according to each program and are adjusted on an annual basis. They are listed under each program in this booklet.

FEE-HELP
Australian citizens or holders of a permanent humanitarian visa are eligible to apply for a FEE-HELP loan for full-fee places. FEE-HELP enables eligible students to obtain a loan from the Australian Government to pay all or part of their tuition fees. The Government pays the amount of the loan directly to the student’s institution. Students repay their loan through the taxation system once their income reaches the minimum threshold for compulsory repayment.
www.goingtouni.gov.au

Commonwealth supported places (CSP)
A Commonwealth supported place (CSP) is a place at uni where the fee is subsidised by the Australian Government. Your share of the fee is calculated according to the interest area you are studying. The following table shows a student’s annual share of the fee for full-time study in 2012.

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<td>$5648 p.a. (Band 1)</td>
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<td>Computing, built environment, allied health, other health, engineering, surveying,</td>
<td>$8050 p.a. (Band 2)</td>
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<td>Accounting, administration, economics, commerce, dentistry, medicine, law, veterinary science</td>
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Students who undertake more or less than a full-time study load, or who study courses from a combination of the above categories, will be charged the proportionate student contribution.
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

Confirmation of fees for 2012 can be obtained from Info Corner on tel. 03 9925 2260.

Postgraduate Coursework Commonwealth Supported Equity Places
RMIT has a limited number of Commonwealth supported places (CSP) in postgraduate coursework programs for applicants who meet entrance and equity criteria. Instead of paying full-fees, the CSP equity place allows eligible students to complete their program with a choice of up-front, partial up-front or deferred payment options. These places are available in any program.
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/equity

Additional costs
You will also need access to internet as the program uses the University’s website for lecture notes etc.

Annual increase of full-fees
RMIT reserves the right to adjust fees on an annual basis by an amount that will not exceed 7.5% each year (subject to rounding). For higher education fees, tuition fees are rounded up to the nearest $10 per credit point increment, and so the actual fee increase may exceed 7.5%.