

# Academy of Classical Oriental Sciences

## Some quick facts:

- The Academy has been in operation for 14 years in Nelson, BC. Located at the Old Jam Factory Building, a designated heritage site, the Academy campus is the perfect venue for quiet study.
- The Academy offers four rigorous programs: the five year program of advanced studies in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) commenced in May 2005, which provides 3,990 hours of training; our four-year TCM program which provides 3,375 hours of training; our three year acupuncture program (2,475 hours) and three year Chinese herbology (2,437.5 hours). All of our programs meet the current requirements of College of TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC (CTCMA), the NCCAOM (U.S.A.) and are eligible for Canada Student Loans.
- Graduates of the Academy are consistently successful in passing their licensing exams in British Columbia, Alberta and in the United States. We have graduates practicing in 5 countries, 6 provinces, and 8 States.
- The Academy and Selkirk College have partnered to create a new *Associate of Arts Degree - Entry to Traditional Chinese Medicine*. This 2-year degree will provide prospective TCM and holistic health students with the solid background in biology, chemistry, psychology and the humanities relevant to further studies in TCM.
- The Academy currently has 40 full and part time students who come from many parts of North America and the world to study Chinese medicine.
- The 16 faculty members at the Academy are among the most committed and highest qualified in their field of expertise.
- All programs at the Academy are renowned for their comprehensiveness. Our TCM programs provide instruction in all aspects of Chinese medicine including acupuncture, Chinese herbs, Chinese dietary therapy, Chinese theory of emotion, Qi Gong, Tai Chi, Tuina (Chinese massage) and Counseling Skills. As well, there is a solid Western medicine component to the programs.
- Academy students come from all over to attend our programs: 7 provinces, 14 States and 9 countries, including Mexico, Argentina, France, Germany, Australia, Norway and Japan.
- One of the unique features of our programs is the integration of Chinese language (Mandarin) into the daily experience of the students.
- Our Business Management course provides students with the necessary business skills required to set up a successful practice in Chinese medicine.
- The Academy has 120 graduates from the 3-year, 4-year and 5-year programs.
- The busy Academy Outpatient Clinic, located on campus, provides students with the opportunity to observe TCM Doctors diagnose and treat patients.
- Students, in their final year of studies, treat patients in the Academy Student Clinic. The Student Clinic offers the community affordable treatments in all modalities of Chinese medicine including acupuncture, Chinese massage and Chinese herbal and diet therapy. Appointments or walk-ins available. For more information please call (250) 354-1984.

- In their final year, students undergo an intensive practicum, which provides students with additional hands-on experience with highly qualified practitioners throughout Canada. Students may also have an opportunity to study in China.
- The Academy Bookstore and Herbal Dispensary, located on campus, offers many health-related titles and an interesting selection of Oriental giftware. Our Herbal Dispensary carries over 400 raw herbs and a full complement of Chinese patent medicines. For more information please call (250) 354-1995.
- In January 2005 Global TV chose the Academy as the TCM school in Canada in which they would produce a special segment on Chinese medicine. In February 2005, the half hour show aired on the well-known, informative health show, **Body + Health**. Watch for frequent re-runs of this episode.
- Please visit the Academy's website at [www.acos.org](http://www.acos.org) or contact us at (250) 352-5887 (toll free in North America 1-888-333-8868) for more information. Please contact us if you would like to visit our campus.

#### **Official status of the Academy of Classical Oriental Sciences:**

The College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC is the regulating body for Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture in this Province.

Registered with and fully accredited by the Private Career Training Institutes Agency (PCTIA) the governing body for of all private post secondary schools in BC.

Designated for Canada Student Loan status

Member of the Chamber of Commerce

Member of the Nelson Community First Health Co-op

Sponsor Kootenay Rhythm Dragons – Dragonboat for Breast Cancer Awareness

Delegate of the First International Symposium on Education of TCM, Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, Beijing China