

**Course requirements for the Master of Science in Oriental Medicine or Acupuncture:**

Undergraduate Courses	PCC Course Equivalents	Credits
Minimum of 1 course of General Chemistry	<b>CH</b> 104 General Chemistry <i>or</i> <b>CH</b> 221 General Chemistry	5
Minimum of 1 course of General Biology	<b>BI</b> 101 Biology <i>or</i> <b>BI</b> 211 Principles of Biology	4-5
Minimum of 1 course of Physics	<b>PHY</b> 101 Fundamentals of Physics <i>or</i> <b>PHY</b> 201 General Physics	4
Minimum of 2 courses of Social Science & Humanities Selected from the disciplines of art, music, literature, philosophy and psychology	2 courses from: Art, Music, English Literature, Philosophy, or Psychology	6-8
Strongly Recommended course work: Systems Science, Mythology, Quantum Physics, Philosophy of Science, Biochemistry, Cellular Biology, Chinese Language	Recommended course work: <b>ENG</b> 250 Intro to Folklore & Mythology <b>CH</b> 211 Intro. to Biochemistry <b>BI</b> 112 Cell Biology for Health Professions <b>BI</b> 231, 232, 233 Anatomy & Physiology Take other recommended courses at a 4-year institution	4 4 5 12

**A Bachelor degree is required before application to the National College of Natural Medicine.**

NCNM's Classical Chinese Medicine school offers a four-year program to train practitioners in Classical Chinese Medicine. NCNM has one of the few oriental medicine schools offering a degree in Classical (as opposed to traditional) Chinese Medicine. Graduates of the Master of Science in Oriental Medicine (MSOM) program are eligible to apply for **acupuncture licensure** in the state of Oregon and to take both the herb and acupuncture exams administered by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, which many states use as a basis for licensure.

**No specific major is advised.** In addition to a strong preparation in the sciences, a broad background in the humanities and liberal arts is encouraged. Prerequisite coursework is used to determine a student's preparation for the ND or MSOM program. Credit will only be given for prerequisite coursework earning a C or better.

Prerequisite courses not taken within seven years of matriculation into the program are subject to review. Additional coursework may be required.

This is a Graduate Program. In addition to the departmental requirements listed above, students must also complete a Bachelor Degree. Meet with a PCC Academic Advisor to develop an effective transfer plan that will meet your individual needs.

*PCC endeavors to create accurate transfer guides for students; however, requirements may change without notice. Students are responsible for working with PCC advisors and their transfer institution to ensure that their academic plan will meet requirements and timelines.*

# NATIONAL COLLEGE OF NATURAL MEDICINE

## Master of Science in Oriental Medicine degree

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All candidates **must possess a bachelor's degree or higher** from a regionally accredited college or university, or the equivalent (as determined by NCNM) from an institution outside the United States.

Historically, many great physicians have had skills and creative abilities reaching far beyond the scope of science and medicine. Well-rounded people with backgrounds in the humanities, arts, and social sciences are often excellent candidates for medical professions. At NCNM, we value and encourage a broad range of life experiences, along with the development of multiple talents. **There is no advantage to holding a BS rather than a BA**, as long as you have completed the program's prerequisites.

### Master of Science in Oriental Medicine Mission

The mission of the MSOM degree program is to educate students to become health care professionals in the practice of Oriental medicine as illustrated by the classics. Above all, the program is intended to impart to its students the holistic spirit of Oriental medicine.

Specifically, through the MSOM coursework, the program seeks to accomplish the following:

- Instruct health care practitioners in the art and science of Chinese medicine.
- Immerse students in the culture of Chinese medicine by combining emphasis on scholarly erudition and attention to multi-layered detail with the “atmosphere” inspiring aspects of holistic life science.
- Cultivate respect for Oriental medicine as an independent science that has its own parameters and does not require validation by other scientific systems.
- Honor the philosophical precepts that are shared by naturopathic medicine and classical Chinese medicine--belief in the healing power of nature, focus on identifying the root causes of disease, and treatment of the person as a multifaceted entity.
- Foster awareness of the historical development of Oriental medicine, including knowledge of the major schools of Chinese medical thought.
- Present Oriental medicine as a renaissance-style art that is embedded in and closely related to other traditional arts and sciences.
- Educate students to effectively treat disease, especially chronic and recalcitrant disorders, by training them broadly and equally in all major modalities of Oriental medicine, while developing their distinguishing sense for when each of these modalities should be applied in various clinical situations.

### Master of Acupuncture

The Master of Acupuncture program was developed to meet the needs of naturopathic students who want to practice acupuncture from a Classical perspective. This four-year (186 credit-hour, 2820 hour) academic program has a foundation identical to that of the MSOM program without the herb courses. Upper-level courses focus in particular on the clinical application of acupuncture and moxibustion techniques.