

## Is Asian Medicine New?

Oriental (or Asian) Medicine & Acupuncture is one of the oldest, safest and most effective forms of healthcare used around the world. Based on a system of Qi (energy) which flows through the body along pathways called "meridians", Asian medicine views disease or aging as a result from imbalance or deficiency of Qi. A Licensed Acupuncturist will bring the body into balance through the regulation of Qi by use of several acupuncture needles at specified points, bodywork and manipulation, prescribed exercises, dietary recommendations, or meditation. Herbs are often prescribed as effective dietary supplements or medicine targeted towards specific diseases or imbalances. At PIHMA, an Oriental Medicine degree includes the study of herbal medicine.



### According to the 2005 report from the National Institute of Health:



- Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine is one of the *fastest growing* fields in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM).
- There are now *more visits to CAM providers* than primary healthcare physicians.
- More than 1/3 of all Americans use some form of CAM medicine with over 15 million adults taking herbs or high dose vitamins. Americans spend over 27 billion out-of-pocket for CAM healthcare.

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# Start your Career in

## Acupuncture & Herbal Medicine

at a

## Maricopa Community College

### Pre-Medical Requirements

towards admission to



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in your area, go to

[www.maricopa.edu](http://www.maricopa.edu) for:

Chandler Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, Gateway,  
Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Rio  
Salado, Scottsdale, South Mountain



## Any Associate's degree can be used for entrance to PIHMA:

Entrance requirements include **60 semester units** from any of the Maricopa Community Colleges. Prospective students **must also have** the following coursework:

- General Biology (3 units)
- General Chemistry (3 units)
- General Physics (3 units)
- English Composition (3 units)
- General Psychology (3 units)
- (science courses for majors are preferred)



## Recommended Curriculum

For specific curriculum requirements for admissions please call our Admissions Representative today for options and choices. Ask for a campus tour and request for a listing of all our many benefits.

**Admissions (602) 274-1885 x102**

## Other options: 5th & 6th semester course transfers for advance standing at PIHMA:

If taking pre-med track to articulate with other medical programs, or if you have 60 semester units, you can transfer these additional classes into PIHMA:

- HCR 240AA & 240AB Human Pathophysiology I & II (2 Cr. ea.)
- BIO 181 & 182 General Biology I & II with lab (4 Cr. + 4 Cr.)
- CHM 151 & 152 General Chemistry I & II with lab (4 Cr. + 4 Cr.)
- CHM 230 Fundamental Organic Chemistry (3 cr.)
- CHM 235, 236 & 238 General Organic Chem I - III w/labs (4 Cr. ea.)
- CHM 260 Fundamental Biochemistry (3 Cr.)
- HCC145AA Medical Terminology for HealthCare Workers (1 Cr.)
- FON241 Principles of Human Nutrition (3 Cr.)
- MGT253 Owning and Operating a Small Business (3 Cr.)
- PED 201/202DD Qi Gong (1 Cr.)
- PED 201/202VR Tai Chi (1 Cr.)
- PSY290AB Research Methods (4 Cr.)

## PIHMA offers:

- **Convenient scheduling**
- **Outstanding faculty**
- **An innovative curriculum**
- **Extensive clinical training**

**PIHMA offers accredited Master of Science degrees in Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine to enable one to work in a variety of settings:**

- *Private practice*
- *Integrative medical practice with other health care professionals*
- *Hospitals*
- *Spas and Resorts*
- *Managed Care Organizations*
- *Educational Institutions*
- *Businesses: herb and pharmaceutical companies, acupuncture supply manufacturers, other related industries*

Practitioners in this field can earn anywhere from \$35,000 to \$150,000 depending on the type of practice they choose and the amount of time they invest.

Graduates earn a degree which entitles them to sit for the national certification exam ([www.nccaom.org](http://www.nccaom.org)) required for licensure in most states.

**For more information, please call 602-274-1885 x 102, or go to**

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*"I loved how I could obtain my acupuncture degree while still working. PIHMA also allowed me to build my own practice while still in clinic. Now I have my own independent practice, with flexible hours, so I can also take care of my family."*