

**Programme Specification
and Curriculum Map for
Postgraduate Certificate (PG Cert)
Postgraduate Diploma (PG Dip)
Master of Science (MSc)
Chinese Medicine**



**Middlesex
University
London**

1. Programme title	MSc/ PG Dip/PG Cert Chinese Medicine
2. Awarding institution	Middlesex University
3. Teaching institution	Middlesex University
4. Programme accredited by	None
5. Final qualification	MSc/ PG Dip/PG Cert Chinese Medicine
6. Academic year	2012/2013
7. Language of study	English
8. Mode of study	Full Time or Part Time

9. Criteria for admission to the programme

Students must meet the standard entry requirements as set in the University Regulations.

A good undergraduate degree and a professional Chinese medicine and/or acupuncture qualification are essential for admission. All graduates who are qualified in Chinese medicine and/or acupuncture are eligible to study for the PG Cert, PG Dip or MSc. Practitioner applicants without a first degree in Chinese medicine or acupuncture may be admitted on the condition that they have relevant skills and experience as demonstrated by membership of relevant professional bodies, which are the Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine (UK), the Register of Chinese Herbal Medicine and the British Acupuncture Council.

Overseas students must meet the criteria set out above and overseas

practitioner applicants must have membership of equivalent professional body to those in the UK. Evidence of an appropriate knowledge of English (both written and spoken), usually IELTS 6.0 or equivalent, will be required.

Applications from individuals with disability will be welcome. Assessment on health and safety issues would be carried out to ascertain if there is a danger to themselves or other people before admission is granted.

10. Aims of the programme

The PG Cert/ PG Dip/MSc in Chinese Medicine builds on the Middlesex BSc (Hons) in Traditional Chinese medicine and on acupuncture degrees offered by other UK institutions.

The programme aims to: to provide an advanced education and training to graduates and practitioners of Chinese medicine or acupuncture. This can be expanded as follows:

- Offer educational and lifelong learning opportunities for students successfully completing a BSc (Hons) in Chinese Medicine or acupuncture, or the equivalent, from recognised institutions and equip them with advanced knowledge and skills to practise Chinese medicine and acupuncture
- Assist students in developing a critical awareness and understanding of the application of Chinese medicine and acupuncture research methods to their clinical practice
- Facilitate students to investigate a topic relevant to Chinese medicine and acupuncture clinical practice to demonstrate application of research techniques and critical powers of enquiry and critically reflect on this topic following clinical placements in China and in the UK
- Develop a sound foundation of research skills and allow students to specialise in their chosen field within Chinese medicine and acupuncture

11. Programme outcomes

A. Knowledge and understanding

On completion of this programme the successful student will have knowledge and understanding of :

PG Cert (Chinese Medicine):

1. Advanced clinical applications of Chinese medicine or acupuncture
2. National and international professional issues in relation to Chinese medicine or acupuncture practice

PG Cert (Generic):

1. Advanced classical texts and their significance in modern practice of Chinese medicine or acupuncture
2. Current issues in research ethics processes

PG Dip: both PG Cert (Chinese Medicine) and PG Cert (Generic)

MSc: In addition to all the above, the successful student will have knowledge and understanding of:

1. The application of research in policy and professional practice in Chinese medicine or acupuncture
2. Implementing a research project

Teaching/learning methods

Students gain knowledge and understanding through attendance at lectures, seminars, workshops, clinical placements and research projects and through a variety of directed and self-directed learning activities. Students taking Beijing and UK placements will be supported by supervisors.

Assessment Method

Students' knowledge and understanding is assessed by a variety of formative and summative assessment forms including coursework, report writing, reflective practice and dissertation.

B. Cognitive (thinking) skills

On completion of this programme the successful student will be able to:

PG Cert (Chinese Medicine):

1. Critically evaluate the ability to provide effective clinical practice of Chinese medicine or acupuncture in a changing health care environment
2. Critically evaluate patient problems

PG Cert (Generic)

1. Critically evaluate the concepts and principles of Chinese medicine or acupuncture and the need for an holistic approach
2. Appraise the merits of different models of Chinese medicine or acupuncture practice
3. Critically evaluate published research

PG Dip: both PG Cert (Chinese Medicine) and PG Cert (Generic)

MSc: In addition to the above, the successful student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate advanced problem solving skills
2. Develop leadership qualities underpinned by research and clinical practice

Teaching/learning methods

Students learn cognitive skills through problem solving seminars, case studies and research projects.

Assessment Method

Students' cognitive skills are assessed by coursework, report writing, reflective practice and dissertation.

C. Practical skills

On completion of the programme the successful student will be able to:

PG Cert (Chinese Medicine):

1. Develop advanced clinical skills
2. Effectively analyse and assess patient's history in a professional manner
3. Prescribe appropriate treatment regimes independently
4. Critically evaluate treatment regime, with follow-up

PG Cert (Generic):

1. Competently and independently design a research proposal
2. Critically analyse research data

PG Dip: both PG Cert (Chinese Medicine) and PG Cert (Generic)

MSc: In addition to the above, the successful student will be able to:

1. Competently and independently conduct qualitative and quantitative researches in the field of Chinese medicine or acupuncture
2. Independently carry out a research project

Teaching/learning methods

Students learn practical skills through demonstration, observation, clinical placement, feedback and research projects.

Assessment Method

Students' practical skills are assessed by report writing, reflective practice and dissertation.

D. Graduate Skills

On completion of this programme the successful student will be able to:

PG Cert (Chinese Medicine):

1. Communicate and work effectively with colleagues from diverse cultures and health care systems
2. Advance their personal career development
3. Competently use information technology

PG Cert (Generic):

1. Contribute in an informed manner to current debate in the practice and research of Chinese medicine or acupuncture
2. Demonstrate critical evaluation skills relevant to substantive research area (s)

PG Dip: both PG Cert (Chinese Medicine) and PG Cert (Generic)

MSc: In addition to the above, the successful student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate self-direction and originality in identifying and solving clinical and research problems in Chinese medicine or acupuncture
2. Develop ability to critically evaluate current research and generate new ideas in Chinese medicine or acupuncture

Teaching/learning methods

Students develop these skills through reading, demonstration, observation, clinical placement, feedback and research projects.

Assessment method

Students' graduate skills are assessed by report writing, reflective practice and dissertation.

12. Programme structure (levels, modules, credits and progression requirements)

12. 1 Overall structure of the programme

This 12 month full-time course is an innovative collaborative Programme of study. It is designed to facilitate the graduate to upgrade their knowledge and understanding in Chinese medicine or Acupuncture and to provide an advanced education and training to graduates and practitioners of Chinese medicine or acupuncture.

There are 4 modules leading to the award of MSc in Chinese Medicine; CMH4111 Advanced Classical Texts and CMH4112 Professional Practice are specialised modules and IPL4001 Research and IPL4095 dissertation are the core postgraduate modules within the School of Health and Social Sciences.

Year 1	Autumn Term Winter Term	Advanced Classical Texts (CMH4111)	Professional Practice (CMH4112)	Social Research Methods (IPL4001)
	Spring Term	Dissertation (IPL4095)		

An Example of a Part-time Route:

Year 1	Autumn Term	Advanced Classical Texts (CMH4111)		Social Research Methods (IPL4001)
	Winter Term			
Year 2	Autumn Term	Professional Practice (CMH4112)		
	Winter Term			
	Spring Term	Dissertation (IPL4095)		

Another Example of a Part-time Route:

Year 1	Autumn Term		Professional Practice (CMH4112)	
	Winter Term			
Year 2	Autumn Term	Advanced Classical Texts (CMH4111)		Social Research Methods (IPL4001)
	Winter Term			
	Spring Term	Dissertation (IPL4095)		

Awards

There is flexibility for students and the awards will reflect this. Please note that only Middlesex TCM graduates who complete 16 weeks of Beijing placements will have the opportunity to gain a Bachelor of Medicine degree from Beijing University of Chinese Medicine. Exit points are summarised in Figure 1 below.

Students recruited to the PG Cert Chinese Medicine will enrol on CMH4112;

Students recruited to the generic PG Cert will enrol on CMH4111 and IPL4001;

Students recruited to the PG Dip Chinese Medicine will enrol on CMH4111, CMH4112, IPL4001;

Students recruited to MSc Chinese Medicine will enrol on CHM4111, CMH4112, IPL4001 and IPL4095.

Students can be recruited to the PG Cert Chinese Medicine on its own, with options of going to Beijing, staying in the UK or a combination of the two to complete CMH4112.

The details of the possible exit awards are as follows:

1. PG Cert Chinese Medicine (MU)

Students who have completed CMH4112 Professional Practice (60 credits) will be awarded a PG Cert (Chinese Medicine).

2. PG Cert (Generic) (MU)

Students who have completed CMH4111 Advanced Classical Texts (30 credits) and IPL4001 Social Research Methods (30 credits) will be awarded a generic PC Cert.

3. PG Dip Chinese Medicine (MU)

Students who have completed CMH4111 Advanced Classical Texts (30 credits), IPL4001 Social Research Methods (30 credits) and CMH4112 Professional Practice (60 credits) will be awarded a PG Dip Chinese Medicine.

4. MSc Chinese Medicine (MU)

Students who have completed CMH4111 Advanced Classical Texts (30 credits), IPL4001 Social Research Methods (30 credits), CMH4112 Professional Practice (60 credits) and IPL4095 Dissertation (60 credits) will be awarded an MSc Chinese Medicine.

5. Bachelor of Medicine (BUCM)

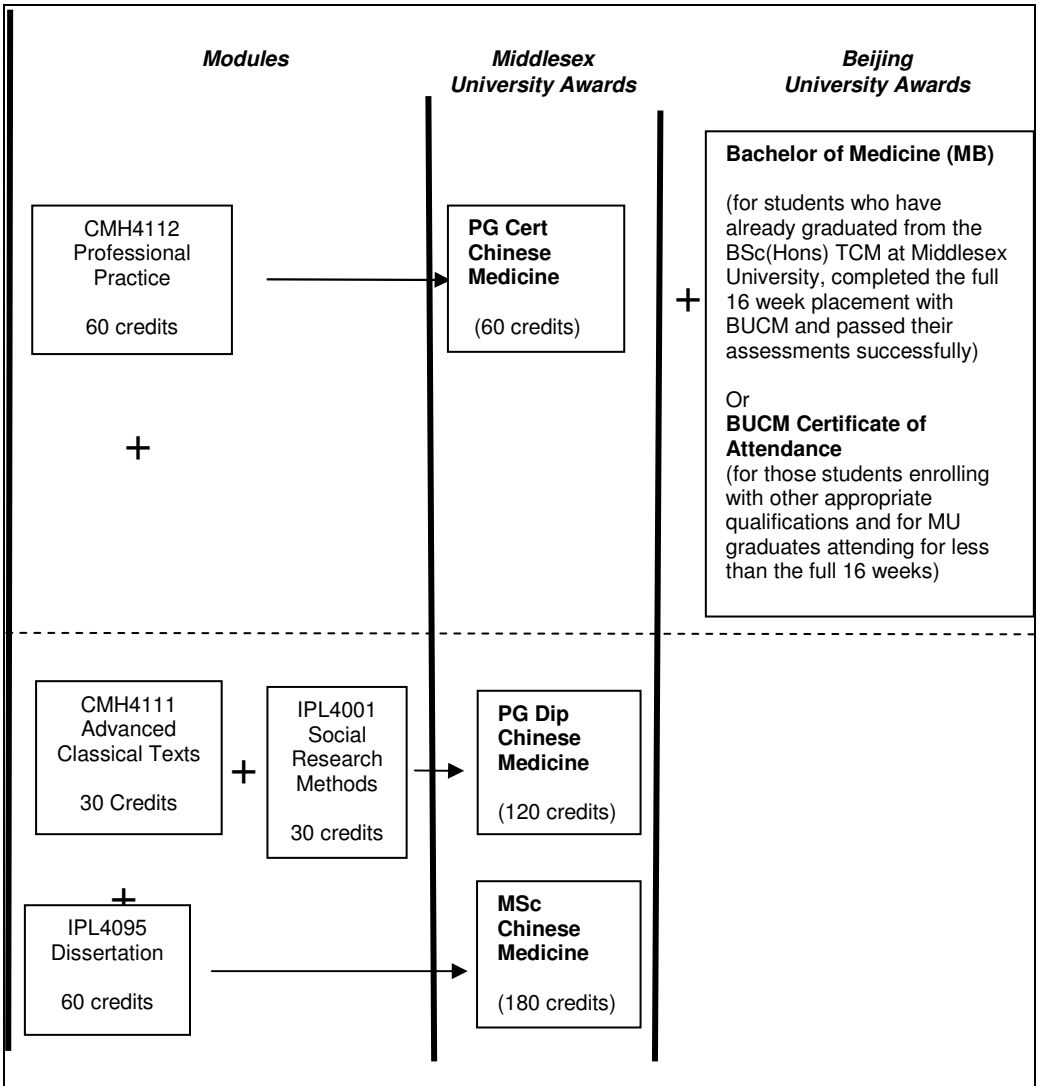
Middlesex TCM graduates who have completed the 16 week placement in Beijing University of Chinese Medicine and passed their assessments successfully will be awarded a Bachelor of Medicine degree by Beijing University of Chinese Medicine (BUCM).

6. Attendance Certificate (BUCM)

Middlesex TCM graduates who attend the 4 week placement (but not the 16 week placement) in Beijing University of Chinese medicine, and non-Middlesex TCM graduates who attend the 4 week or 16 week placements in Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, will be awarded an Attendance Certificate.

Although different routes and step off points are made available to the students so that the programme provides them with maximum flexibility, the placements in Beijing are of equivalence to those in the UK. CMH4112 Professional Practice will be core to all of the postgraduate qualifications in Chinese medicine (PG Cert Chinese Medicine, PG Dip and MSc) and students can be recruited to the PG Cert on its own by just taking CMH4112 Professional Practice.

Figure 1. PGCert/PGDip/MSc Chinese Medicine Exit awards



12.2 Levels and modules

Level 7

COMPULSORY

Students must take all of the following:

PG Cert (Chinese Medicine):

CMH4112 Professional Practice

PG Cert (Generic):

CMH4111 Advanced Classical Texts

IPL4001 Social Research Methods

PG Dip:

CMH4111 Advanced Classical Texts

CMH4112 Professional Practice

IPL4001 Social Research Methods

MSc:

CMH4111 Advanced Classical Texts

CMH4112 Professional Practice

IPL4001 Social Research Methods

IPL4095 Dissertation

PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to progress through the Programme of study, students are required to have met the attendance requirements for both theory and practice outlined in the University Regulations, as well as the Programme Handbook

12.3 Non-compensatable modules (note statement in 12.2 regarding FHEQ levels)

Module level

7 CMH4111 Advanced Classical Texts

7 CMH4112 Professional Practice

7 IPL4001 Social Research Methods

7 IPL4095 Dissertation

13. A curriculum map relating learning outcomes to modules

See Curriculum Map above

14. Information about assessment regulations

Assessment regulations for the programme follow those set out in the Middlesex University Regulations and the School's Learning, Teaching and Assessment Policy. In addition, assessment regulations for the Programme are set out as follows:

Where there is more than one component to a module assessment, students are required to achieve a Grade 16 or better, in each component, in order to pass the module. In order to progress, students must meet the attendance requirements of the programme. No compensation for failed modules is permitted.

15. Placement opportunities, requirements and support (if applicable)

Students on the programme will complete a negotiated placement period of 16 weeks linked to academic work. Clinical placements may be undertaken at affiliated hospitals of Beijing University of Chinese Medicine in Beijing, at the Asanté Academy of Chinese Medicine and its satellite clinics at the Whittington Hospital and the North Middlesex Hospital and at the students' own chosen clinics in the UK. A minimum number of hours will be required at designated clinics.

16. Future careers (if applicable)

This programme enables students to advance their knowledge and skills in Chinese medicine or acupuncture and apply this learning to practice. It will enhance the ability of the graduates to work as a Chinese Medicine or acupuncture practitioner in a small business, independently or with other complementary medicine practitioners, or in conjunction with other

organisations including charitable and commercial organisations as well as the NHS. In addition, students may play a leading role in commercial, retail, manufacturing, research and teaching concerns related to Chinese medicine or acupuncture. Generally, posts in research and teaching in Chinese medicine or acupuncture require students to have a postgraduate qualification. This programme will meet their needs in this respect and make them more employable in research and education of Chinese medicine or acupuncture

17. Particular support for learning (if applicable)

ILRS facilities at Middlesex including CAL suite and internet access.
Access to English Language and Learning Support
Staff from the Disabled Centre support students with disabilities.
Biomedical laboratory facilities for the development of practical skills
Support for modules available on OasisPlus.
Clinical Skills Laboratories at Archway and Hendon Campus.
The Asanté Academy of Chinese Medicine; training clinic for practice placements
Beijing University of Chinese medicine and its affiliated hospitals
Medicinal Herbs Garden

18. JACS code (or other relevant coding system)

UCAS: PGB34Z

19. Relevant QAA subject benchmark group(s)

12: Subjects Allied to Medicine

20. Reference points

Middlesex University (2011) University Regulations
Middlesex University (2011) Learning and Quality Enhancement Handbook, London, MU
Middlesex University (2011) The Learning Framework: Programme Design Guidance
House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology: Complementary and Alternative Medicine (6th Report 2000)

Quality Assurance Agency (2000) Framework for Higher Qualifications, London QAA

Quality Assurance Agency (2001) Code of practice for assurance of academic quality and standards in higher education, London QAA

European Herbal and Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association Accreditation Board: Accreditation Handbook

European Herbal and Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association: Chinese Medicine Core curriculum.

British Acupuncture Accreditation Board Accreditation Handbook.

British Acupuncture Council Guidelines for Acupuncture Education

21. Other information

This is the first collaborative PG Cert, PG Dip and MSc programme in Chinese medicine involving collaboration between a UK university (Middlesex University) and a Chinese university (Beijing University of Chinese Medicine). The most innovative feature of the programme is that students have options to choose their pathways to complete the programme, by taking their clinical placement in Beijing or in the UK or combination of the two.

Please note programme specifications provide a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information about the programme can be found in the student programme handbook and the University Regulations.