

Academic Calendars 2021-2022

MAc, MACM, and DACM/MACM

Fall 2021

September 8	New Student Orientation
September 8	Clinic Internship Begins
September 15	All Classes Begin
November 24-28	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>
December 6-10	Final Exam Week
December 11	Last Day of Clinic for Interns
December 12-January 3	College/Clinic Winter Break

Winter 2022

January 3	Classes/Clinic Begin
January 17	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday</i>
March 21-25	Final Exam Week
March 26	Last Day of Clinic
March 27-April 3	College/Clinic Spring Break

Spring 2022

April 4	Classes/Clinic Begin
May 30	<i>Memorial Day Holiday</i>
June 13-17	Final Exams in some courses (<i>See syllabi</i>)
June 20	<i>Juneteenth Holiday</i>
June 20-24	Remainder of Final Exams
June 25-26	Clinic Entrance Exam
June 25	Last Day of Clinic
June 26-July 4	College/Clinic Summer Break

Summer 2022

July 4	<i>Independence Day Holiday</i>
July 5	Intern Classes/Clinic Begin (<i>Eight-week session</i>)
July 18	Non-Intern Classes Begin (<i>Six-week session</i>)
August 22-26	Final Exam Week
August 27	Last Day of Clinic
TBA	Graduation
September 5	<i>Labor Day</i>

September 8-December 11, 2021

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January 3-March 26, 2022

Classes/Clinic Begin
<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday</i>
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College/Clinic Spring Break

April 4-June 25, 2022

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July 5-August 27, 2022

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DAOM Program

September 17, 2021-August 31, 2022

September 17-20, 2021	Module 1
<i>Tuition Payment Due September 17, 2021</i>	
October 15-18, 2021	Module 2
November 12-15, 2021	Module 3
December 10-13, 2021	Module 4
January 7-10, 2022	Module 5
February 4-7, 2022	Module 6
March 4-7, 2022	Module 7
<i>Tuition Payment Due March 18, 2022</i>	
April 8-11, 2022	Module 8
May 13-16, 2022	Module 9
June 10-13, 2022	Module 10

September 16, 2022-August 31, 2023

September 16-19, 2022	Module 11
<i>Tuition Payment Due September 16, 2022</i>	
October 14-17, 2022	Module 12
November 11-14, 2022	Module 13
December 9-12, 2022	Module 14
January 6-9, 2023	Module 15
March 3-6, 2023	Module 16
March 31-April 3, 2023	Module 17
<i>Tuition Payment Due March 17, 2023</i>	
May 5-8, 2023	Module 18
June 2-5, 2023	Module 19
July 7-10, 2023	Module 20

Note: OCOM has rolling enrollment for the DAOM and students may enter the program twice in an academic year. Entry points are at Module 1, 6, 11, and 16. Completion of the program over two academic years is based on their rolling entry date.

DACM Completion Track

The degree completion track begins during Fall quarter, 2021, and follows the normal academic schedule with other first professional degree programs. OCOM has rolling enrollment for the DACM completion track and students may enroll and begin the program during the school year after the Fall quarter start of the academic year.

Note: Due to uncertainty about the COVID-19 situation, on-campus course(s) and module(s) may be held online, in compliance with government orders. OCOM will make decisions about whether a module will be on-campus or online no later than one month before the start of that module. If a government-ordered closure of the campus occurs, OCOM will communicate any changes regarding an on-campus module as quickly as possible.

OCOM reserves the right to modify the academic calendars as necessary. If such changes are made, the college will make every effort to communicate those changes with reasonable notice to all interested parties.

The heart of DAOM education at OCOM is the development of lifelong learners and scholars. The program supports and builds upon the abilities of acupuncture and Chinese medicine practitioners who can lead and collaborate, who understand the foundations of medical knowledge, both East and West, who apply disciplined inquiry and careful assessment of evidence in making reasoned conclusions, who express themselves articulately, and who have a historical and cultural context for today's health care problems and challenges.

Program Competencies

Competency-based education emphasizes proficiency and performance, and the DAOM competencies refer specifically to the set of skills, attitudes, and knowledge that reflect the most advanced levels of theory and practice in the field of acupuncture and Chinese medicine.

OCOM has defined five general competencies to be mastered by each student over the course of the DAOM program. The details and emphases within each of these general competencies may vary by course, specialty discipline, and stage of professional development. Mastery is determined through a variety of assessment methods.

Graduates of the Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine program will be able to:

- Integrate advanced Chinese medical and Western biomedical concepts and clinical skills, and apply this integrated perspective to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and long-term management of a range of complex, chronic conditions;
- Demonstrate a synthetic appreciation of advanced concepts in clinical biomedicine, and communicate these concepts clearly and effectively when collaborating on patient care with other health care providers;
- Effectively apply clinical specialization skills and knowledge to the domain of patient care;
- Identify, analyze, and critically evaluate acupuncture and Chinese medicine-relevant research information from a wide range of sources, and apply that information appropriately in clinical settings;
- Demonstrate the potential to make significant scholarly contributions to the profession.

DAOM Program Format

The DAOM program is 1,224 hours in length (47 credits), including 551 didactic hours, 670 clinical hours, and three noncredit orientation hours. The program has been carefully designed around a series of 20 intensive teaching modules, which take place every 4-5 weeks, over a period of approximately 24 months. Rolling enrollment allows students to enter the program at Modules 1, 6, 11, or 16. Each teaching module is four days, occurring over long weekends (Friday through Monday). Every module includes both didactic (classroom) content and clinical work, including supervised treatment of patients in the DAOM clinic.

Between modules, students are expected to engage in ongoing active learning. This work includes homework and independent study assignments, regular reading assignments, work on clinical case studies, preparing responses to case-based problems, reviewing literature, and creating case reports, as well as maintaining regular online communication with classmates and faculty.

Because of the geographically dispersed nature of the students who enroll in the DAOM program, skill in the use of email and the Internet is essential. DAOM courses are managed via online course management software. To complete the program successfully, students must have access to and be proficient with a computer. Students are required to maintain an assigned ocom.edu email address, and are responsible for information disseminated to them by the DAOM administration and faculty via email and the course management website.

Year One Courses

Course Number	Course Title	Hours	Credits
AA711	Advanced Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine I	102	6.0
BP711	Biomedical Perspectives I	40	2.7
CL731	Clinical Internship I	80	2.7
CL712	Clinical Theater I	30	1.0
CL733	Clinical Peer Presentations I	20	0.6
CL717	Clinical Case Presentations and Analysis I	30	1.0
CL718	Clinical Seminar I	10	0.3
CL720	Clinical Case Studies I	50	1.1

DAOM Admissions Requirements

OCOM seeks DAOM students who show the potential to become leaders in the field of acupuncture and Chinese medicine and who demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and maturity necessary to undertake the challenges of the DAOM program.

To make this assessment, the Admissions Committee reviews each applicant in a variety of areas, including their academic record and professional and life experiences. For questions about the admissions process, contact the Office of Admissions: 503-253-3443 x201 or admissions@ocom.edu.

Prerequisites

All applicants must be able to document satisfactory completion of a master's-level or professional doctorate-level training in acupuncture and herbal medicine (or its equivalent) to be eligible for consideration for the DAOM program. This basic admissions requirement means that applicants must possess a master's degree (or diploma) or professional doctorate in acupuncture and herbal medicine from a school or college accredited by ACAOM, or the international equivalent. Applicants with a MAc or DAC degree must also have an herbal medicine certificate from an ACAHM accredited program. Original transcripts are required in all cases.

The DAOM program is a clinical advanced practice doctoral program, and students are required to present cases from their practice in the classroom as well as writing case study reports. It is also expected that students will apply the knowledge and skills learned in the program to patients in their own practices. For these reasons, applicants to the DAOM program should be currently licensed practitioners with an active practice (generally, this means treating at least 10 patients per week with acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine). Applicants in the process of obtaining licensure and establishing an active practice will be considered for conditional admission.

Prospective applicants whose prior training falls short of this formal academic criteria may still be eligible for consideration for admission to the program. In such cases, the Admissions Committee will undertake a formalized credentials and competencies review prior to considering the application. This review will take into account not only an applicant's training and academic transcript(s), but also factors such as clinical experience and NCCAOM certification in acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine. The review may require a phone interview with the applicant by the committee to verify levels of knowledge and competency in areas such as acupuncture, Chinese medicine theory and diagnosis, Chinese herbal medicine, and biomedicine.

The committee may also require the applicant to pass formal written challenge examinations or complete master's-level coursework if deficiencies in specific areas are identified. Successful completion of these challenge exams and/or coursework will be required to be eligible for admission.

Technical Skills/Standards

For the safe and effective practice of acupuncture and Chinese medicine, students must be able to meet the Technical Skills/Standards for the Practice of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine as detailed in the entry-level program admissions requirements (see Page 69).

The Application Process

To apply to the DAOM program, first contact the Office of Admissions to access the online application (via Populi). As each section is filled out, the information is saved for later completion. To ensure timely consideration, applicants are required to complete the DAOM application in its entirety before review by the Admissions Committee.

The Early application deadline* for application and all supporting materials is January 31 for September entry and July 31 for February entry. The regular application deadline is April 30 for September entry and October 31 for February entry.

**Applicants who compete their application by the Early Application deadline receive a waiver of the \$75 application fee.*

Materials:

- Notification of Application for Admission form
- Nonrefundable application fee of \$75
- A recent photograph (optional)
- Copy of current acupuncture and Chinese medicine license
- Official transcripts from each college previously attended
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals (at least one should be from an instructor) able to[...]

DAOM Tuition and Financial Aid Information

Total tuition for the two-year DAOM program is \$39,500. Tuition for each academic year is \$19,750. The college requires a \$250 deposit within two weeks of acceptance into the program, all of which will be applied to the first year's tuition.

To assist students with payment of tuition, the college provides for each academic year's tuition to be paid in two installments of \$9,875 each (at no additional charge to students). Due dates for tuition payments are as follows:

2021-2022

Payment #1 — \$9,875

Due September 17, 2021

Last day to pay without late fees: September 20, 2021

Payment #2 — \$9,875

Due March 18, 2022

Last day to pay without late fees: March 21, 2022

2022-2023

Payment #1 — \$9,875

Due September 16, 2022

Last day to pay without late fees: September 19, 2022

Payment #2 — \$9,875

Due March 17, 2023

Last day to pay without late fees: March 17, 2023

Tuition costs are exclusive of travel, lodging, books, supplies, or expenses related to clinical externship electives. Students should anticipate and plan for these additional expenses.

Post-Professional Program (DAOM) Fees

Application Fee	nonrefundable	\$ 75
New Student Orientation Fee	first year of enrollment	\$ 50
Malpractice Insurance	per year	\$ 200
Clinic Locker Fee	per year	\$ 20
Transfer Student Evaluation Fee		\$ 150
Challenge Exam Fee	nonrefundable	\$ 50
Make-up Clinical Work	per hour	\$ 50
Make-up Didactic Work	per hour	\$ 50
Make-up Exam Fee		\$ 25
Make-up Comprehensive Exam Fee		\$ 100
Transcript Fee		\$ 5
Returned Check Fee		\$ 45
Academic and Student Services Fee	per year	\$ 300
Check Replacement Fee		\$ 10
Check Stop Payment Fee		\$ 35
Clinic Fee	per year	\$ 50
Graduation Fee	final enrollment year	\$ 200
Diploma Replacement Fee		\$ 50
Convenience Fee for Credit Card Payment of Tuition/Fees		3%