

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
SCHOOL OF CHINESE MEDICINE**

**Master of Chinese Medicine
Credit Unit Statement**

The two-year Master of Chinese Medicine curriculum consists of three different modes of learning-lecture-based courses, seminars and capstone comprising clinical attachment and individual project (*option A- project-based*) or clinical report (*option B-practice-based*). Taking reference from the norm for a 3-credit course as to embrace 60-90 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity), the credit units of lecture-based courses are 3, 6 or 9 which add up to a total of 27 credits for all streams (540 -810 learning hours), 6-credit-seminars (120-180 learning hours). For capstone experience, students may select either option A (*project-based*)-a total of 12-credit-clinical attachment (240-360 learning hours) comprising a 6-credit clinical attachment and another 6-credit advanced clinical attachment-I, and a 24-credit Individual Project (480-720 learning hours), or option B (*practice-based*)-a total of 30-credit-clinical attachment (600-900 learning hours) comprising a 6-credit clinical attachment, 6-credit advanced clinical attachment-I, a 18-credit advanced clinical attachment-II, and a 6-credit-Clinical Report (120-180 learning hours). Assessment for lecture-based courses is 100% written examinations or a combination of written examinations (0%-70%) and continuous assessments (30%-100%). For those “shared sessions” of designated core courses, students would be assessed by continuous assessments, i.e. assignment(s) on designated topic(s) and the weighting of the assignment(s) would be proportionate to the number of “shared” session(s) of the respective course. The three categories of the MChinMed courses are summarized as follows:

1. Lecture-based Courses (3, 6 or 9 credits) (*contact hours is equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 3-credit-course carries 24 contact hours, 6-credit-course carries 48 contact hours, 9-credit-course carries 72 contact hours)
The lecture-based courses cover four major aspects, namely theoretical knowledge, research knowledge, clinical knowledge for diagnosis of different common diseases and progress of modern research. They are taught through a variety of modes such as lectures, case studies, seminars, practical sessions, etc. The 3-credit, 6-credit and 9-credit courses comprise 60, 120 and 180 learning hours respectively. The mode of assessment comprises 100% written examinations or a combination of written examinations (0%-70%) and continuous assessments (30%-100%). Outputs may include assignments, evaluation reports, literature review papers, with the normal range of word requirements from 500-2,000 words. A 3-credit-course normally has the word requirements from 500-1,000 words, a 6-credit-course normally has the word requirements from 1,000-1,500 words and a 9-credit-course normally has the word requirements from 1,500-2,000 words.
2. Seminars (6 credits) (*contact hours is equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 48 contact hours)
Renowned speakers would be invited to deliver topics on clinical experiences, progression and achievements of modern research in different disciplines of Chinese Medicine. It generally comprises not less than 16 sessions of 3-hour-seminar. The mode of assessment is in the form of continuous assessment. Outputs may include assignments and evaluation reports with the range of word requirements from 500-2,000 words.
3. Capstone experience (36 credits)
 - (i) Clinical attachment (6 credits) [*for students of both options A (project-based) and B (practice-based)*]
(*contact hours is equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 48 contact hours)
The clinical attachment is to be conducted in designated clinical sites such as Clinical Centre(s) for Teaching and Research, School of Chinese Medicine of The University of Hong Kong and/or those under tripartite collaboration among Hospital Authority, The University of Hong Kong and NGOs. It aims at enhancing students’ clinical skills in terms of medical diagnosis and therapeutic treatment. The assessment is in the form of continuous assessments (including clinical case reports, discussion of clinical cases with supervisors, attendance/performance at the attachment, etc). Outputs may include assignments and/or clinical case reports. The word requirement for the above outputs range from 1,000-3,000 words.
 - (ii) Advanced clinical attachment-I- 6 credits [*for students of both options A (project-based) and B (practice-based)*]/Advanced clinical attachment-II- 18 credits [*for students of option B (practice-based)*]
(*contact hours is equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 6-credit-clinical attachment carries 48 contact hours, 18-credit-clinical attachment carries 144 contact hours.)

The clinical attachment is to be conducted in designated clinical sites on the mainland as arranged by the School of Chinese Medicine of The University of Hong Kong. Students could acquire the in-depth knowledge on the diagnosis and clinical therapy of specific illnesses in different disciplines. The assessment is in the form of continuous assessment (including clinical case reports, discussion of clinical cases with supervisors, attendance/performance at the attachment, etc). Outputs may include assignments and/or clinical case reports, evaluation review reports, etc. The word requirement for the above outputs range from 1,000-3,000 words/report. The number of report(s) required is generally subject to the duration of the advanced clinical attachment. For the 6-credit attachment, at least 1 report (normal range of word requirements: 1,000-3,000 words) is required whereas at least 4 report(s) are required for the 18-credit attachment (normal range of word requirements: 4,000-15,000 words).

(iii) Clinical Report (6 credits) [*for students of Option B (practice-based)*] (*contact hours is equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 48 contact hours)

Students who select option B are required to complete a 6-credit Clinical Report which comprises a comprehensive summary of weekly clinical reports or other assignments as appropriate based on the clinical cases that they have encountered during the advanced clinical attachment. The word requirement for the above outputs range from 2,000 – 8,000 words.

(iv) Individual Project (24 credits) [*for students of option A (project-based)*] (*contact hours is equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 192 contact hours)

With the guidance of supervisors, students who select option A have to complete the project (not less than 8,000 words).

The following table summarizes the details of the three categories of courses under the MChinMed curriculum:

Nature of courses	Total number of credits for each category of courses	Total Learning Hours	Outputs	Assessment
Lecture-based courses	27	540-810	Assignments, evaluation reports and literature review papers (normal word requirement: 3-credit-course: 500-1,000 words 6-credit-course: 1,000-1,500 words 9-credit-course: 1,500-2,000 words)	100% examination, and 100% continuous assessments (assignments, literature review papers, evaluation reports, etc.) or a combination of continuous assessments (0%-30%) and examination (30%-100%)
Seminars	6	120-180	Assignments and evaluation reports (word requirement: 500-2,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignments and evaluation reports, etc.)
Capstone experience				
(i) Clinical attachment	6	120-180	Assignments and/or clinical case reports (word requirement: 1,000-3,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignments and/or clinical case reports, etc.)
(ii) Advanced clinical attachment (I- 6 credits) (II-18 credits)	I- 6 (for students who select option A) or I-6 and II-18 (for students who select option B)	120-180 or 480-720	Assignments and/or clinical case reports, evaluation review reports (6-credit-attachment: 1,000-3,000 words) (18-credit-attachment: 4,000-15,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignments and/or clinical case reports, evaluation review reports, etc.)
(iii) Clinical	6	120-180	Written report (word	100% written report

Report	<i>(for students who select Option B)</i>		requirement: 2,000 – 8,000 words)	
(iv) Individual Project	24 <i>(for students who select Option A)</i>	480-720	Witten report (word requirement: not less than 8,000 words)	100% written report
Total contact hours* <i>equivalent to 8 hours per credit value</i>		552		
Total learning hours		1,380-2,070		