

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

**Master of Chinese Medicine
Credit Unit Statement**

(applicable to 2025-26 cohort and thereafter)

The two-year Master of Chinese Medicine curriculum consists of three different modes of learning-lecture-based courses, seminars and capstone experience. The combinations of different components for different streams and pathways are summarized below:

Stream	Option A-project based	Option B-practice-based
Acupuncture and Moxibustion/Gynaecology/Oncology	Clinical attachment <i>of the respective stream</i> Advanced clinical attachment-I <i>of the respective stream</i> Individual Project	Clinical attachment <i>of the respective stream</i> Advanced clinical attachment- I <i>of the respective stream</i> Advanced clinical attachment- II <i>of the respective stream</i> Clinical Report
Clinical Pharmacy	Practical Training Industrial Practice Individual Project	Practical Training CM Dispensary Internship Placement report

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*) or option B (*practice-based*) comprising the following:

Stream	Option A-project based	Option B-practice-based
Acupuncture and Moxibustion/Gynaecology/Oncology	Clinical attachment <i>of the respective stream</i> (6 credits) Advanced clinical attachment-I <i>of the respective stream</i> (6 credits) Individual Project (24 credits) <i>*Equivalent to a total of 720-1,080 learning hours</i>	Clinical attachment <i>of the respective stream</i> (6 credits) Advanced clinical attachment-I <i>of the respective stream</i> (6 credits) Advanced clinical attachment- II <i>of the respective stream</i> (18 credits) Clinical Report (6 credits) <i>*Equivalent to a total of 720-1,080 learning hours</i>
Clinical Pharmacy	Practical Training (6)	Practical Training (6)

	credits)			credits)
	Industrial	Practice	(6	CM Dispensary Internship
	credits)			(18 credits)
	Individual	Project	(24	Placement Report (6
	credits)			credits)

Assessment for lecture-based courses is 100% written examinations or continuous assessments, or a combination of continuous assessments (0%-30%) and written examinations (70%-100%). For those “shared sessions” of designated core courses, students would be assessed on designated topic(s) and the weighting of the assessment(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, 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)

Assessment comprises 100% continuous assessment. 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)

For students of both option A (project-based) and B (practice-based)

- *For the stream of Acupuncture and Moxibustion/Gynaecology/Oncology*

(i) Clinical attachment (6 credits) (*contact hours, 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, HKU and/or those under tripartite collaboration among Hospital Authority, HKU and NGOs. It may also include designated sessions of IPE co-ordinated by the Faculty. 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, participation 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. As for the coverage of IPE, the assessment is subject to the course design of IPE under which students are evaluated according to their participation and they are expected to complete the group assignment.

- (ii) Advanced clinical attachment-I (6 credits) (*contact hours, equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 48 contact hours)

The clinical attachment is to be conducted in designated clinical sites on the mainland as arranged by the School of Chinese Medicine, HKU. 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, participation 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.

- *For the stream of Clinical Pharmacy*

- (i) Practical Training of Pharmaceutical Science for Chinese Medicines (6 credits) (*contact hours, equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 48 contact hours)

The laboratory session for Chinese Medicines is to be conducted in the Chinese Medicine Dispensary of School of Chinese Medicine, The University of Hong Kong or a designated site as arranged by the School. It provides professional training of practical techniques and aims at providing students with the hands-on experience on pharmacy practice in Chinese Medicine dispensary. The assessment is in the form of continuous assessment (including participation and laboratory reports). Outputs may include full laboratory reports and/or compilation of the laboratory results. The word requirement for the above outputs ranges from 1,000-3,000 words.

- (ii) Industrial Pharmacy Practice for Chinese Medicines (6 credits) (*contact hours, equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 48 contact hours)

The Practice for Chinese Medicine is to be conducted in the designated local or mainland pharmaceutical industrial firm for Chinese Medicines as arranged by the School of Chinese Medicine, HKU. It aims to familiarize students with the manufacturing, quality assurance and control, production lines, marketing and retail sales of Chinese Medicines and related products. The assessment is in the form of continuous assessment (including participation and internship reports). Output may include report(s) on the internship experience with words ranging from 1,000-3,000 words.

For students of option A (project-based)

- *For the streams of Acupuncture and Moxibustion/Gynaecology/Oncology/Clinical Pharmacy*

- (i) Individual Project (24 credits) (*contact hours, equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 192 contact hours)

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

For students of option B (practice-based)

- *For the stream of Acupuncture and Moxibustion/Gynaecology/Oncology*
 - (i) Advanced clinical attachment-II (18 credits) (*contact hours, equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, it 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, HKU. 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, participation 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 18-credit attachment, at least 4 report(s) are required for the 18-credit attachment (normal range of word requirements: 4,000-15,000 words).
 - (ii) Clinical Report (6 credits) (*contact hours, equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, it carries 48 contact hours)
Students 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.
- *For the stream of Clinical Pharmacy*
 - (i) Chinese Medicine Dispensary Internship (18 credits) (*contact hours, equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 144 contact hours)
The Chinese Medicine Dispensary Internship is to be conducted in the Chinese Medicine Dispensary of School of Chinese Medicine, HKU and/or other designated site. It aims to provide hands-on practice for the students to familiarize with the regulations, daily operation and management of a Chinese Medicine Dispensary, including the procurement, recording, storage, dispensing, and auditing of the non-toxic and toxic Chinese Medicines. The assessment is in the form of continuous assessment (including participation at the internship, filling in the internship reports, etc.). Outputs may include an evaluation report on self-prepared Chinese Medicine dispensary preparations, internship reports, etc. The word requirement for the above outputs range from 2,000-5,000 words.
 - (ii) Placement Report (6 credits) (*contact hours, equivalent to 8 hours per credit value, i.e. 48 contact hours)
Students are required to complete a 6-credit Placement Report which comprises a comprehensive summary of weekly internship reports or other assignments as appropriate based on the pharmacy practice that they have encountered during the Chinese Medicine Dispensary Internship. The word requirement for the above outputs range from 2,000 – 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, or 100% continuous assessment (assignments, literature review papers, evaluation reports, etc.) or a combination of continuous assessments (0%-30%) and examination (70%-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>for students who select option A-project-based</i>) pathway <i>For the streams of Acupuncture and Moxibustion/Gynaecology/Oncology</i>				
Clinical attachment	6	120-180	Assignments and/or clinical case reports (word requirement: 1,000-3,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including participation, assignments and/or clinical case reports, etc.)
Advanced clinical attachment-I	6	120-180	Assignments and/or clinical case reports, evaluation review reports (6-credit-attachment: 1,000-3,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignments and/or clinical case reports, evaluation review reports, etc.)
Individual Project	24	480-720	Written report (word requirement: not less than 8,000 words)	100% written report
<i>For the stream of Clinical Pharmacy</i>				
Practical Training of Pharmaceutical Science for Chinese Medicines	6	120-180	Assignment and/or laboratory reports (word requirement: 1,000-3,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignments and/or laboratory reports, etc.)
Industrial Pharmacy Practice for Chinese Medicines	6	120-180	Assignment and/or internship reports (word requirement: 1,000-3,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignments and/or internship reports, etc.)

Individual Project	24	480-720	Written report (word requirement: not less than 8,000 words)	100% written report
Capstone experience (for students who select option B-practice-based) pathway				
<i>For the streams of Acupuncture and Moxibustion/Gynaecology/Oncology</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.)
Advanced clinical attachment-I	6	120-180	Assignments and/or clinical case reports, evaluation review reports (6-credit-attachment: 1,000-3,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignments and/or clinical case reports, evaluation review reports, etc.)
Advanced clinical attachment-II	18	360-540	Assignments and/or clinical case reports, evaluation review reports (18-credit-attachment: 4,000-15,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignments and/or clinical case reports, evaluation review reports, etc.)
Clinical Report	6	120-180	Written report (word requirement: 2,000 – 8,000 words)	100% written report
Capstone experience (for students who select option B-practice-based) pathway				
<i>For the stream of Clinical Pharmacy</i>				
Practical Training of Pharmaceutical Science for Chinese Medicines	6	120-180	Assignment and/or laboratory reports (word requirement: 1,000-3,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignments and/or laboratory reports, etc.)
Industrial Pharmacy Practice for Chinese Medicines	6	120-180	Assignment and/or internship reports (word requirement: 1,000-3,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignments and/or internship reports, etc.)
Chinese Medicine Dispensary Internship	18	360-540	Assignments and/or evaluation (2,000-5,000 words)	100% continuous assessment (including assignment and/or evaluation reports)
Placement Report	6	120-180	Written report (word requirement: 2,000 – 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		