



Phoenix Institute of
Herbal Medicine & Acupuncture

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SOUTHWEST COLLEGE OF

SCNM

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

PIHMA & SCNM Dual Degree Program

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine (SCNM) and the Phoenix Institute of Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture (PIHMA) offer a dual degree program so that dually enrolled students may earn their Naturopathic Medicine degree and a Master's Degree in Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine. PIHMA offers convenient class schedules and flexible clinic shifts for students enrolled at SCNM. PIHMA is the Valley's oldest and most recognized College of Oriental Medicine and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

FAQ's, SCNM Academic Advising Specialist, Tammy Guddeck

How many students are dually enrolled and which Master's degree do they more commonly pursue - oriental medicine or acupuncture?

Approximately 10% of SCNM students enroll at PIHMA. Most of them complete the MA in Oriental Medicine as opposed to the MA in Acupuncture, as this program includes both acupuncture training as well as training in Asian herbs. Both Master's programs allow the students to sit for the acupuncture licensing board exam.

How does having the dual degree from SCNM and PIHMA improve my ability to practice acupuncture in other states?

The acupuncture training at SCNM will allow you to practice acupuncture under your ND license in Arizona, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Kansas, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. In most states that license acupuncture, you will be required to have completed a masters level program in acupuncture to sit for the National Certification Exam (NCCAOM) in order to practice acupuncture. Completing either Master's program at PIHMA will allow you to sit for the National Certification EXAM (NCCAOM).

When are PIHMA classes offered?

PIHMA classes are offered on a semester basis. Each semester is 20 weeks long, except Summer - which is 10 weeks long. Classes are offered every other weekend during the Spring and Fall semesters and every weekend during the Summer semester.

Can I receive financial aid for the SCNM program and the PIHMA program at the same time?

You are not allowed to receive financial aid from two institutions, so you will need to pay for PIHMA through private or alternating loans. However, PIHMA does waive the application fee and give SCNM students a 66% discount on their Oriental Medicine classes.

At what point during the SCNM program do most students start attending PIHMA and what is the average length of time needed to complete the PIHMA dual program?

It is recommend students spend at least one quarter doing SCNM coursework only before you decide whether/when to go to PIHMA. This will give you an opportunity to assess your course load, time-

management, and finances before you start at PIHMA. However, some students start as soon as they get to SCNM. Others have recommended waiting until you're done with the basic sciences at SCNM, because the knowledge in those areas help with the classes at PIHMA; in this case you would have to accelerate the program at PIHMA somewhat. We don't require that you graduate from PIHMA before graduating from SCNM, however, you would need to complete the equivalent oriental medicine courses at PIHMA (listed below) before being eligible to graduate from SCNM.

The normal PIHMA program is 4 years in length, however you may be able to transfer your basic science courses from SCNM to waive PIHMA's Western Medicine classes, which is a big portion of the program.

SCNM courses	SCNM hours	PIHMA courses	PIHMA hours
OMND 600: Theory and Fundamentals of Oriental Medicine	30	OMT 500: Oriental Medical Theory I OMT 510: Oriental Medical Thoery II	45 45
OMND 610: Traditional Chinese Medicine Diagnosis	30	OMT 530p: Oriental Medical Diagnosis & Practicum	45
OMND 705: Meridians & Points I	30	OMT 520p: Point Location & Meridians I OMT 525p: Point Energetics I	45 45
OMND 710: Meridians & Points II	30	OMT 550p: Point Location & Meridians II OMT 555p: Point Energetics II	45 45
OMND 725: Traditional Chinese Medicine Pathology	40	OMT 540: Oriental Medical Theory III	45
OMND 735: Acupuncture Techniques	20	ACU 515p: Acupuncture Practicum I OMP 505: Materials & Methods	45 45
OMND 815: Oriental Medicine Case Analysis & Management I	20	OMT 605: Oriental Medical Pathology I OMT 625: Oriental Medical Pathology II	45 45
OMND 865: Oriental Medicine Case Analysis & Management II	20	OMT 605: Oriental Medical Pathology I OMT 625: Oriental Medical Pathology II	45 45

For additional information on the Phoenix Institute of Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture please contact their admissions office directly at 602.274.1885 or visit their website at www.pihma.edu

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