

Tai Sophia Institute

Master of Acupuncture Program

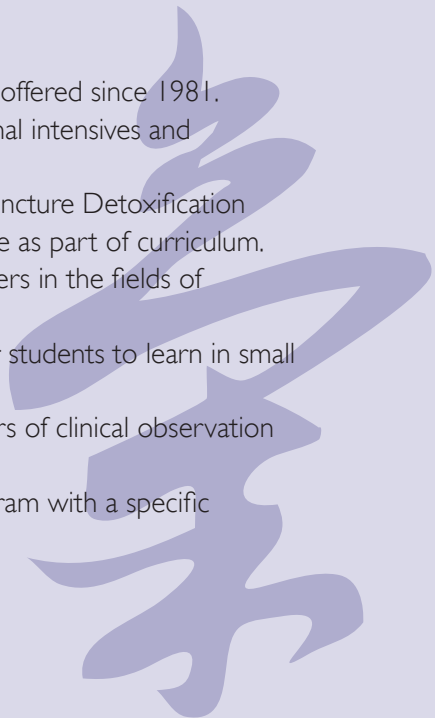
**Now Enrolling for
September 2012**

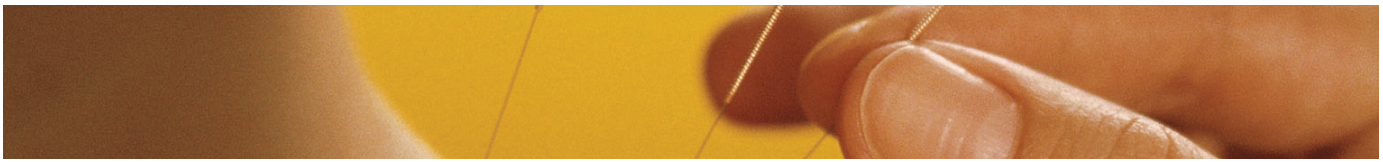


Tai Sophia Institute's **Master of Acupuncture**, the first accredited acupuncture program in the United States, offers a comprehensive curriculum combining rigorous classroom teaching with a rich clinical experience. The program provides a values-driven, transformative, and relationship-centered curriculum which guides students to intentionally craft their words and actions in order to be a healing presence that supports their patients. The program provides students with a solid knowledge of the theory and philosophy of traditional acupuncture, the competence to skillfully treat their patients with needles and words, the capacity to become a healing force and an agent of change, and the ability to communicate their competencies effectively.

Program Highlights

- First accredited acupuncture program in the United States, offered since 1981.
- Flexible, full-time format: two days each week with occasional intensives and additional, self-scheduled electives.
- Only accredited graduate program to offer National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) training and related clinical experience as part of curriculum.
- Dynamic and distinguished faculty, including renowned leaders in the fields of Chinese medicine, philosophy, and wellness.
- Learning format that provides mentorship and flexibility for students to learn in small groups and in one-on-one settings during clinical rotation.
- 560 hours of supervised clinical practice and over 150 hours of clinical observation working with over two dozen faculty mentors.
- Integrative Health Science courses are tailored to the program with a specific emphasis on East-West comparative analysis.
- Eligible for federal financial aid.





Professional Opportunities

The success of graduates is a significant measure of any educational institution's value. More than 1,000 graduates of Tai Sophia's Master of Acupuncture program are dispersed widely throughout the United States in over 40 states and seven countries.

Many of our graduates have independent individual and group practices in their communities. Others have shared practices with physicians, chiropractors, and mental health professionals, as well as affiliations with drug detoxification programs, detention centers, and veterinary practices. Our graduates are also employed in hospital settings, university health centers, HMOs, integrative health clinics, community services, and wellness programs. Graduates are often highly active in educating the public through wellness workshops and seminars, in public and private schools, and at institutions of higher learning.

Program Format

The acupuncture curriculum consists of nine trimesters, divided into three levels over three years. For students beginning in the September 2012 class, core classes are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. These days remain consistent throughout the first five trimesters.

As a student begins trimester six (Level III), the core class days are consolidated into one full class day weekly through trimester nine. For students beginning in January 2012, the core class day is Monday and for students who begin the program in September 2012, the core class day is Thursday. Also at this point in the program, students are assigned to "core groups," which typically consist of 12 to 17 students and multiple faculty supervisors. Core groups are held Monday through Friday, and may fall on days other than the days core classes are scheduled.

Additionally, students are required to complete twelve credits of elective coursework which is self-scheduled outside of their core class days as well as supplemental clinical work in the Community Clinic sites. Students also are required to attend occasional intensive classes which take place several times each year. The term "intensive" is used to designate special times when the student's attendance is required in addition to the regularly scheduled core class days. Most intensive classes range from two to three days in length, and generally focus on one topic in depth.

The program averages 36 to 44 months for completion, depending on the pace each student sets when building a practice during the clinical portion of the program. The maximum amount of time allowed to complete the program is 60 months.

The coursework is sequenced to provide a rich and transformative educational experience. The trimester themes are as follows:

Level I **The One: The Tao: Health in Wholeness**

Trimester 1 Awaken the Observer

Trimester 2 Develop the Frame/the Lens:
The Contextual View

Level II **The Two: Yin/Yang: Health in Balance**

Trimester 3 Learn Distinctions: Ground Observations
in the Four Inspections: Theory and Assessment:
The Field of Discrimination

Trimester 4 Restore Wholeness and Balance:
Begin Treatment Application

Trimester 5 Balance Presence and Distinctions in Assessment
and Treatment (The Art of Being a Practitioner)

Level III **The Three: Qi: Health in Movement (Practitioner and Patient in Service to Life)**

Trimester 6 Root the Clinician

Trimester 7 Refine Clinical Skills and Presence

Trimester 8 Develop Independence in Judgment and
Application

Trimester 9 Embody Practice and Transformation in
Service to Life

Part-Time Format

The Master of Acupuncture program is also available in a part-time, evening format. Designed for working professionals, the flexible, part-time, evening and weekend format is delivered two evenings per week and four weekends per trimester, to be completed in a minimum of four years.



Clinical Experience

The clinical experience in Tai Sophia Institute's Acupuncture program is unique in design and offers students a rich variety of opportunities to engage with a diverse patient population. Students complete a total of 560 clinical hours – 500 of which involve directly delivering treatments as a primary practitioner or assisting other student practitioners in treatment delivery with faculty supervision at Tai Sophia's student clinic.

In addition to this residency-style rotation, students have the experience of delivering 60 hours of treatments at external Community Clinic sites. Treatments at the external sites focus on addictions, relapse prevention, sobriety support, crisis intervention, relief from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and bereavement. The scope of services provided includes auricular acupuncture, full body acupuncture, community acupuncture, therapeutic movement modalities, meditation and support/wellness groups. While only 60 hours are required of our student practitioners, many students surpass the minimum requirement and extend their rotations in order to continue contributing to the healing work that is being fostered at these Community Clinic sites.

Admission Requirements

Degree Requirements

Prospective students must meet the following admission requirements:

- Have a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and submit an official transcript.
- Submit official transcript of highest degree earned beyond a bachelor's degree.

If the degree was not completed at a college or university recognized by a U.S. Department of Education accrediting body, copies of the institution's academic catalog may be required and course syllabi may be requested. International students please refer to the additional instructions outlined under the heading "International Students" in the full academic catalog.

Health Requirements

- Current, documented tuberculosis skin test (PPD). If PPD is positive, a completed TB screening form is required.
- A completed "Hepatitis B Vaccination Form for Students" stating prior vaccination, declining vaccination, or indicating plan to receive vaccination. This form and a Hepatitis B information packet will be provided to students prior to the start of the program.

Program Faculty

Tai Sophia employs more than 80 faculty members in the Acupuncture program who are active practitioners as well as instructors.

Program Director

Jeff Millison, M.Ac.

Associate Program Director

Rhonda Sapp Armero, M.Ac., NADA

Division Chairs

Jane Grissmer, M.Ac. (UK), Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM), *Theory*
Stacey MacFarlane, M.Ac., *Clinical Foundations*

Tatyana Maltseva, M.D. (Ukraine), M.Ac., *Touching Energy
and Structure*

David Blaiwas, M.A., M.Ac., Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM), *Clinical
Practices, Interim Chair*

Kimberly Duncan, Ph.D., *Integrative Health Sciences (ISci) Division*

Additional Core Faculty

Dianne M. Connelly, Ph.D., M.Ac. (UK), Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)

Robert M. Duggan, M.A., M.Ac. (UK), Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)

Hope Finn Gilbert, M.Ac., Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)

Tyme M. Gigliotti, M.Ac.

Celeste Homan, M.Ac., M.S.

Kaiya Larson, M.Ac.

Heidi Most, M.Ac., Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)

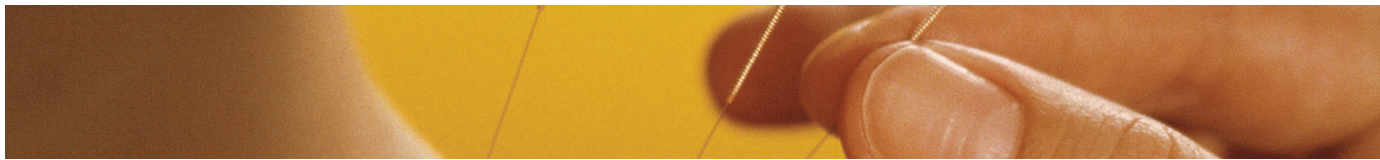
David Paton, M.Ac.

Sharon M. Smith, M.Ac., Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM)

Deanna Slate Stennett, Adv. L.Ac (UK and FL)

Tai Sophia's full Academic Catalog, available online at www.tai.edu, includes detailed course descriptions, faculty bios, admissions process, and more.

For additional information and to visit the campus, please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 410-888-9048 ext. 6647, or admissions@tai.edu, or visit www.tai.edu.



Tuition and Fees

Application Fee: \$95

The application fee increases to \$150 for applications received after November 15 for January classes, and for applications received after July 15 for September classes.

Tuition Deposit: \$1000

An individual accepted into one of Tai Sophia's degree programs will be billed a non-transferable, non-refundable deposit. This deposit holds a seat in the class for which the applicant has been accepted and will be applied to tuition upon matriculation.

Tuition

Tuition for the Master of Acupuncture program is set annually each academic year (September through August).

Financial Aid

The financial aid office is committed to helping each current and prospective student with the financial aid process. The financial aid director is available to assist you in planning to make your education at Tai Sophia Institute a reality.

To apply for federal financial aid, students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Tai Sophia Institute's school code to use when completing the FAFSA is G25784. For more information see our Financial Aid Guide or go to www.studentloans.gov.

For tuition, scholarship, and financial aid details, please visit the website at www.tai.edu.

About Tai Sophia Institute

Founded in 1974, today Tai Sophia Institute is a leading academic institution for health and wellness education, client care, and public policy discourse. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the Institute offers graduate certificates and degrees in a wide range of wellness topics, as well as community workshops and continuing professional education programs.



Tai Sophia's network includes 10 clinical sites in the Baltimore/Washington corridor. These sites provide more than 35,500 treatments and consultations yearly to widely varied populations, which include individuals challenged by relationships with addictive substances as well as people who are unable to afford wellness services. Additionally, the Institute's faculty, students, and staff donate more than 15,000 hours of community service every year.

Standing on its commitment to be a leader in whole person wellness, Tai Sophia fosters and maintains collaborative relationships with leading academic, medical, and research institutions.

The Master of Acupuncture program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.



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