

## About CTCMA

CTCMA is a professional regulatory authority established in 1996 by the Government of British Columbia to regulate the practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and acupuncture. The College is a self-regulatory body that operates under the **Health Professions Act (BC)**, the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists Regulation and CTCMA Bylaws.

For regular updates on the TCM Profession please refer to our **newsletter**:  
<http://www.ctcma.bc.ca/meetings.asp>.

## Professional Titles

Only a CTCMA registrant may legally use one of the restricted titles listed below. Each title requires a different set of qualifications.

- Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine (Dr. TCM),
- Registered TCM practitioner (R.TCM.P.), or
- Registered TCM herbalist (R.TCM.H.)  
or
- Registered Acupuncturist (R.Ac.).



## The Role of CTCMA

### Vision

CTCMA is recognized as a leader, provincially, nationally and internationally, in setting the professional standards for safe practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture in B.C.

### Mission

The Mission of CTCMA is to regulate Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture in the public interest.

### Values

CTCMA carries out its duties and responsibilities under the Health Professions Act of B.C. in a professional manner with attention to the following foundational Values:

Honesty and Integrity

Fairness

Transparency

Quality

Confidentiality and Privacy

Accountability and Responsibility

Approachability and Openness

Effective Communication

## Helpful Information

Detailed information on CTCMA is on our website including the following documents:  
<http://www.ctcma.bc.ca/regulations.asp>.

- Health Professions Act
- Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists Regulation
- TCM Practitioners & Acupuncturists Bylaws and various schedules
- TCM Core Competencies of Acupuncturists
- Core Competencies of TCM Practitioners
- Core Competencies of Doctor of TCM

## As a student

Welcome to the profession of Traditional Chinese Medicine. For your protection, make sure your school is approved by the **Private Career Training Institution Agency (PCTIA)**. [www.pctia.bc.ca](http://www.pctia.bc.ca).

As a student, you will be supervised in the clinic. BC legislation requires you to be a current student registrant of CTCMA before you attend clinic. In order for your clinical hours to be recognized by CTCMA, you must have been registered during that period.

A **CTCMA Student Registration I.D. Tag** will be issued to each student registrant. It **must** be worn during clinical training. The patients will then know the student is registered with CTCMA.

Your school is responsible for arranging professional liability insurance to cover students in the clinic. Liability insurance is important for the patient, the student and the supervisor.

### \*\*\* **Bylaws amended as of Dec 28, 2009:**

Previously students were required to have completed 2 years of 2 years of university education before enrolling in a TCM/A program. This requirement must now be met before writing the CTCMA exams.



## Registration Exams

When it is time for you to apply for the registration exams, you must meet the educational requirements (described in **Schedule E of CTCMA Bylaws**): <http://www.ctcma.bc.ca/regulations.asp>.

### Acupuncture Exam

A minimum of 1,900 hours including 450 hours of clinical training in a program of 3 academic years ..... completed within 5 consecutive calendar years.

### Herbology Exam

A minimum of 1,900 hours including 450 hours of clinical training in a program of at least 3 academic years ..... completed within 5 consecutive calendar years.

### TCM Practitioner Exam

(Acupuncture AND Herbology exams)  
A minimum of 2,600 hours including 650 hours of clinical training completed in a program of at least 4 academic years.

### Dr. TCM Exam

A minimum of 3250 hours including 1050 hours of clinical training completed in a program of at least 5 academic years.

\* One must pass both the Acupuncture and the Herbology exams before applying for the Dr. TCM Exam.

## Student Information



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