



Summary of the Lic.TCM Prospectus pack

While reading our information pack and considering your future, here are some factors to consider when choosing an Acupuncture training programme in Ireland:

- The ICTCM was the first college of Acupuncture and TCM in Ireland.
- The Lic.TCM course is an established, successful, intensive programme run by experienced teachers (and practitioners) of TCM, who are all native English-speakers.
- We have been successfully running this course **every year** since 1983.
- Our graduates are fully qualified and their qualification is automatically accepted for entry to the first, and one of the main, self-regulatory professional organisations of Acupuncture and TCM in Ireland – the PRTCM.
- Our training meets the requirements generally recognised in Europe as necessary for effective initial (undergraduate level) training in Acupuncture and TCM
- The College offers an extensive range of post-graduate and professional updating training to support graduates after they qualify.
- Our graduates who become professional members of the Professional Register of TCM - are recognised by VHI Healthcare, Laya Healthcare and Aviva.
- The College has a fully-documented formal affiliation with Guangzhou University of TCM (GUCM), China. GUCM recognises the Lic.TCM as a Bachelor level equivalent qualification.
- It is acceptable for direct entry onto our collaborative Master of Chinese Medicine Degree awarded by GUCM and the Chinese Department of Education.
- While recognised by a modern TCM University in China, the Lic.TCM also incorporates extensive **Classical, holistic**, Acupuncture and TCM theory (incorporating Body, Mind and Spirit).
- Our Director, Professor Tom Shanahan, is a leading European practitioner of Acupuncture and TCM with more than 30 years of clinical experience in Ireland and beyond. He has been conferred with a Professorship (in TCM) by GUCM, China.
- Irish-born, Professor Shanahan has represented Ireland at World Conferences in Acupuncture, TCM, Chinese Herbal Medicine and Medicinal Qigong for more than 20 years.
- Clinical Acupuncture training, in the ICTCM, is personally overseen by Professor Shanahan, in the Dublin-based Teaching Clinic.
- All clinical training is undertaken in Ireland, on Irish patients, with typical Irish medical conditions.
- The ICTCM has its own tailor-made premises for the College and the Teaching Clinic, centrally located in Dublin 3 (with free on-street parking).
- Once the course fees are paid, there are very few extra expenses for students. We do not require students to buy expensive TCM textbooks.
- **Optional** post-graduate clinically-based courses in China, in treatment modalities such as Acupuncture, Chinese Herbal Medicine, Tuina and Medical Qigong, are run by our sister University in China on a regular basis, subject to demand.
- The ICTCM has been involved in clinical research into a number of TCM treatment modalities, and is currently supporting research, using TCM treatment methodology, in China.