



## **DONGGUK UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES**

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## THE RIGHT PATH

Thank you for considering DULA. We invite you to visit our campus and our clinic, to talk with students and faculty, and see for yourself why this school represents a personal and professional opportunity for you like no other.

What's special about DULA? Practically everything. We offer three different language tracks to help you attain your Master of Science in Oriental Medicine (MSOM) degree; choose English, Korean, or Chinese. We're the only Oriental Medicine school in the United States that's associated with the prestigious Dongguk University in South Korea: a world-class learning center with over a century of proud tradition. You will love DULA's own extensive clinic, where you can observe and participate in the treatment of patients.

At DULA, you'll learn from the best. Our school is accredited and approved by the appropriate governing agencies. Our faculty are recognized as leaders in their fields. Their breadth of experience in Oriental and Western medicine, as well as their elective disciplines is second to none. That level of experience is just another factor that sets DULA apart. You'll find a stimulating and nurturing environment that's uniquely qualified to help you achieve your goals.

## A PROUD HISTORY: THE DULA STORY

The origins of Dongguk University Los Angeles date back to 1976, when Dr. Chang-Ki Kim began teaching the fundamentals of acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at his Sei Shin Acupuncture Clinic. Encouraged by his patients, who yearned to learn more about this ancient and proven healing art. Dr. Kim took the initial steps toward his goal of combining research and educational pursuits, along with providing chari-table health services to the surrounding community. Dr. Kim's goal was realized in 1979 with the founding of Royal University of America, which began with just three faculty and eleven students.

Eighteen years later Dongguk (which translates to "East Country") University, one of South Korea's oldest and most prestigious institutions of higher learning, widely esteemed for its outstanding College of Oriental Medicine, added Royal University of America to its fold, renaming it Dongguk Royal University. In 2009, Dongguk Royal University was rededicated as Dongguk University Los Angeles during its anniversary celebration. During the rededication ceremony, a mutual exchange agreement was signed with Dongguk University Korea detailing the collaborative benefits for each University. Collectively, these two institutions, on either side of the Pacific, have been providing outstanding education to students throughout the world.



**Seung-Deok Lee, KMD, Ph.D.**  
DULA president

*"It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Dongguk University Los Angeles (DULA). The rich history of this extraordinary institution is marked by academic excellence and innovation, a remarkable record of meeting the evolving needs of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine profession within the United States and globally, and a demonstrated dedication to sharing educational resources with a diversity of stakeholders on our Los Angeles campus and beyond."*

*Ours is a dynamic, intellectual community with more than 1,800 alumni worldwide and with many proud traditions. Chief among these is a commitment to excellence in teaching and learning that fosters the success of all students. DULA offers a strong foundation of academics in a warm and friendly learning environment."*

*A degree in Oriental Medicine from Dongguk University Los Angeles will provide you with the educational knowledge and clinical experience in achieving your personal and professional goals. Please come to visit our campus to see for yourself how much you can achieve as a member of DULA community."*



Dongguk University Los Angeles (DULA)

## DULA AT A GLANCE

**Location.** In the heart of Los Angeles: 10 minutes from downtown, 20 minutes from Beverly Hills and Hollywood.

**Degrees Offered.** MSOM, Master of Science in Oriental Medicine.  
DAOM, Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

### Languages in which courses are offered:

MSOM: English, Korean, and Chinese. DAOM: English.

**Externship Program.** DULA has partnered with University of Southern California (USC) and Dongguk University in Korea. You can expand your knowledge and experience an integrated environment.

**Accreditation.** The Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) granted Dongguk University of Los Angeles and its Master of Oriental Medicine programs (in English, Chinese, and Korean) continuing accreditation for a period of seven (7) years, effective 12 August 2017. Accreditation status and notes may be viewed at: <http://acaom.org/directory-menu/directory/>.

Dongguk University's Doctorate in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine program has been granted Pre-Accreditation status by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine ("ACAOM") and is in the process of seeking accreditation for this program.

ACAOM is the recognized accrediting agency for programs preparing acupuncture and Oriental medicine practitioners. ACAOM is located at [8941 Aztec Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55347](#); phone 952/212-2434; fax 952/657-7068; [www.acaom.org](http://www.acaom.org)

DULA is also approved by the California Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE), the California Acupuncture Board (CAB), and is a member in good standing with the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM).

**Total faculty and staff.** 54

**Classrooms.** 35

**Facilities.** 12,000-volume library, bookstore, student lounge, 6,300 square-foot University Auditorium, and Zen Meditation Center.

**Nearby Colleges and Universities.** University of Southern California (USC) and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

**Nearby Cultural Attractions.** Disney Hall, The Getty Center, Staples Center, Kodak Center, Huntington Library, Los Angeles Contemporary Museum of Art (LACMA), Hollywood, Santa Monica and Beverly Hills.

### DULA Mission Statement

*The Mission of Dongguk University Los Angeles is to explore and embody the principles and practices of traditional East Asian Medicine, develop a community of skilled medical practitioners and provide accessible health care services to the local community.*

*The Master's Program Educational Objectives is to train healers who are able to:*  
*Demonstrate and understanding of the theoretical and historical contexts of oriental medicine.*

*Apply this understanding to accurately diagnose patients.*

*Utilize bio-medical diagnostic methods and refer to other practitioners as appropriate. Competently plan, perform, assess, and adjust acupuncture treatments for common conditions and patterns.*

*Competently prescribe and modify herbal formulas for common conditions and patterns.*

*Embody and advise on healthy lifestyle choices, and*

*Identify, define, and model best practices for professional success.*



Dongguk University Los Angeles Intern Room



Dongguk University Los Angeles Library

**On-Site Clinic Treatment Rooms.** 14

## THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORIENTAL MEDICINE (MSOM) DEGREE

The DULA MSOM program is designed to provide you with an outstanding, well-rounded, integrated medical curriculum in a student-oriented environment.

DULA offers its Master's degree in three languages: English, Chinese, and Korean. By offering a theme-based education that is both broad and deep, by placing students in a variety of clinical settings, and by encouraging them to develop a holistic approach to patient care, we train resourceful practitioners, who serve society compassionately, while keeping pace with an ever-changing professional world. Upon the successful completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the licensing examination given by the California Acupuncture Board, as well as the examination given by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM).

The MSOM degree requires a total of 3,090 training hours, of which 2,130 (or 213 units) are comprised of didactic training, with the balance (960 hours) devoted to clinical internship, at our own on-campus clinic or off-campus sites. Course work includes studies in Oriental medical theory, acupuncture, herbology and herbal formulas, Western medicine and science, Tui-na (traditional Chinese massage therapy), and practice management and ethical practices, in addition to the clinical internship. More specifically, DULA's academic program consists of the following:

Basic Sciences and Western Medicine	740 hours
Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture	760 hours
Herbal Medicine	450 hours
Case Management	90 hours
Professional Development	30 hours
Electives	60 hours
Clinical Internship	960 hours

After completing 60 quarter units of specific didactic course requirements, students may register for the Clinic Level I: Observation and Herbal Practicum. Students must also have a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid certificate among other requirements before registering for the clinic. The clinical training at the DULA Oriental Medicine Center (OMC) consists of 960 hours which are divided into three levels of clinical internship. Interns are required to demonstrate diagnostic and treatment skills on a minimum of 350 patients during the course of Level II & III internships.



**Denise Hoang LAc.**  
DULA alumna

*"Thank you, Dongguk University, for providing a strong academic foundation in the study of Chinese and Western Medicine. The teaching staff are the best practitioners from their specialties. With the size of classes kept small, students have one-on-one training opportunities from their teachers. Through the education I received from DULA, I was able to open my own clinic within two months after passing my licensing exam. I now have a clinic in the city of La Puente, with ten treatment rooms, specializing in anti-aging therapies."*





# THE DOCTOR OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (DAOM) DEGREE PROGRAM

The DULA DAOM is a two-year program divided into eight quarters. Each quarter corresponds to Master's Program quarter schedule. The program totals 1290 hours; of which 640 hours will be didactic and 650 hours will be clinical. Of the 640 didactic hours of coursework, 320 hours are devoted to the core curriculum and 320 hours focusing on the integrative pain management specialty.

The curriculum includes materials necessary to advance knowledge and applications of clinical practice and for the development of leaders in the field. The intention of DULA's doctoral program is to offer an integrated method to the study of a variety of conditions treated by Oriental Medicine. This methodology is intended to reflect actual clinical experiences.

Biomedical and TCM experts lecture in specialty training courses providing DAOM Students with advanced knowledge and skills in assessment and disease etiology. DAOM students are expected to gain consultation and collaboration skills and to build professional relationships with physicians and other healthcare professionals.

Students progress through the program in a modular cycle of course work. Course descriptions and prerequisites are listed in the catalog. Progression in the doctoral program distributes academic and clinical coursework uniformly over two years. The program allocates adequate time to complete the requirements of the program, affirming the purpose and educational objectives of the program.

**Specialty Training** - The program involves rigorous didactics in specialization fields. DAOM Students will specialize in Integrative Pain Management. Course construction is designed to optimize learning specific to the specialty and concentrate on depth of experience. DAOM Students will demonstrate a standard of competency in their area of specialization at each evaluation period.

The background and professional experiences of our doctoral students are rich and diverse. Our doctoral students come from the United States and the Asia, with diverse medical background. Some of our students come to DULA with prior medical trainings in Chinese and Western medicine from China. Some of our students come with nearly 30 years of experience in practicing acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, and some of them are already professionals in the field of medical industry and research.

DAOM has been granted Pre-Accreditation status by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) and is in the process of seeking accreditation for this program.



**Jacqueline Gabardy**  
DULA student

*"At Dongguk, you can truly benefit from instructors who can equip you with the knowledge and understanding that you need as well as from the students of diverse background with prior experience."*



## DULA FACULTY

Oriental medicine, acupuncture and moxibustion, herbology, massage, qi gong and tai chi, western medicine and basic sciences, clinical medicine and public health, professional development, case management and practice management: All of these disciplines (and more) are lectured by the world class experts who comprise DULA faculty in English, in Korean, and in Chinese. These respected professors are also working practitioners, with years of experience in their respective fields. Their passion for sharing their knowledge and experience through one-on-one classroom teaching is what makes DULA unique special.

## SELECTED DULA FACULTY PROFILES

### **Doris Johnson, L.Ac.**

Doris Johnson graduated from Yo San University in 1997 with a Master of Arts degree in Traditional Chinese Medicine (MATCM). With 20 years of clinical practice, she is passionate about every aspect of Eastern medicine, both as a professor and clinical supervisor at Dongguk University. She teaches Herbal Medicine, Asian Nutrition and Case Management courses.

### **Qiwei Zheng, M.D. (China), L.Ac.**

Qiwei Zheng is a California licensed Acupuncturist who earned his MD degree in 1976 in China. He then received his Master's Degree of Acupuncture Science in 1981 at the prestigious China Academy of TCM, Institute of Acupuncture in Beijing, China. He has more than 40 years of experience of researching, teaching, and practicing Integrative Medicine, TCM, and Acupuncture. He has trained and taught more than five thousand foreign medical doctors and students about Acupuncture from over one hundred countries. In 1995, he earned tenure as a professor at the China Academy TCM. He also became the Vice Director of the Beijing International Acupuncture Training Center and became Chief of its Teaching Department in the same year. He has consulted and lectured around the world including Iran, Israel, Italy, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Egypt, Singapore, and the USA. He has also treated prime ministers, parliament members during his illustrious career.

### **Heiwon Lee, DAOM., L.Ac.**

Heiwon Lee earned Diplomate of Acupuncture from NCCAOM (The National Certification for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine) and became a California licensed Acupuncturist. She has 25 years of teaching, clinical practice and supervising experience. She teaches Acupuncture Physiology, Acupuncture Techniques, Acupuncture Therapeutics, Median Theory and many other classes. Currently, she is also a MSOM intern supervisor and involved in DAOM mentorship at DULA Oriental Medical Center (OMC).



**Qiwei Zheng M.D. (China), L.Ac.**  
DULA faculty member

*"DULA is an amazing and excellent place to teach and to learn Eastern and Western integrated medicine, acupuncture and herbal medicine. All professors at DULA have extensive experience of teaching, research and clinical practice. DULA offers three language tracks of teaching-English, Korean and Chinese. DULA has the best, biggest and cleanest teaching and clinic training facility among alternative and contemporary medical field in the nation."*



**Doris Johnson, L.Ac.**  
DULA faculty member

## STUDENT LIFE AT DULA

As a student at DULA, you'll enjoy a rich, challenging, and rewarding lifestyle that's complemented by the quality and diversity of your fellow students, the enthusiastic energy of your professors, and the wide array of services, activities, and benefits you'll get, all of which will contribute toward your professional and personal growth, as well as your off-hours relaxation and rejuvenation.

There are three different student-body associations, representing the three different language-tracks at DULA: English, Korean, and Chinese. They work together to organize everything from graduation ceremonies to relaxing picnics. At DULA, you'll also find student advisory services as well as special advising for our international students

To help with your studies, we have a 12,000-volume library, replete with books and journals devoted to the humanities, social sciences, and the arts. Our library is always growing: both through its aggressive acquisitions program, and generous contributions from outside resources. Its holdings also include an extensive collection of Oriental and Western medical reference texts, videotapes, educational slides, and other study aids.

And when you've got time off from your studies, take a break in our Zen Meditation Center. Traditional Chinese exercises such as Tai Chi Chuan and Qi Gong employ a healthy dose of meditation in their respective regimens. We believe that the Zen Meditation Center is the perfect place for such retreat.

There's also a whole world awaiting you beyond our doors—and right nearby. Centrally situated in Los Angeles, DULA is just minutes away from world-class museums, beaches, mountains, entertainment, and shopping.



**Rou Wang**  
DULA student

*"The first step to contribute to the field of Oriental medicine and acupuncture is to receive a best education. For me, this step was an arduous one. I had looked over a great number of institutions in various cities including New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.*

*Dongguk University Los Angeles was my final decision for its tremendous resources, faculty, and world-renowned experts. The knowledge of my professors is encouraging and the kindness of the student body is welcoming. Furthermore, the environment of the campus is always clean and friendly.*

*In addition to the respectable curriculum, Dongguk University Los Angeles may be regarded as a well-rounded institution in programs extending outside of the classroom. I have personally participated in activities such as the summer BBQ and Chinese New Year Family Party. My experience at DULA makes it easy for me to feel a genuine*



Dongguk University Los Angeles Lunar Year Celebration

*and deep love for this school and the professors."*

## DULA ORIENTAL MEDICAL CENTER

DULA's Oriental Medical Center (OMC) is a teaching clinic, located on the right side of the campus and has 14 spacious treatment rooms that allow you to be seen by doctors without waiting long. All of our interns are supervised by licensed acupuncturists who have been practicing for at least 10 years. Patients may also opt to receive treatment from doctoral students who are already licensed acupuncturists. DULA clinic offers a variety of services and each patient receives the customized treatment.

### THE CLINIC PROVIDES

Acupuncture and Electro-acupuncture  
Herbal therapy  
Cupping  
Moxibustion  
Nutritional and lifestyle counseling  
Tui-Na  
Therapeutic exercises (Tai-Chi, Qi-Gong)

### HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

- Appointment Available Hours

- Morning Shift: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Afternoon Shift: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Evening Shift: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Friday - Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (\*closed evenings)

- Appointment Available Hours

- Morning Shift: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Afternoon Shift: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

\*Please note that the clinic is closed for lunch from 1:00-2:00pm daily.

### PARKING

Handicap-accessible, free parking is available beneath DULA building and outside of the south side building.

### PRICING

Regular acupuncture treatments by supervised interns): **\$30**

Regular acupuncture treatments by supervised residents): **\$35**  
(Sundays)

Special treatments by clinic faculty: **\$60** or above

There is an extra charge if additional modalities such as cupping, electroacupuncture and so on are needed.

If you are a DULA student who are concurrently enrolled more than 6 units, you and your family will be eligible for treatments and herbal prescriptions at substantial discounted price!

\* If you would like to make an appointment or have any questions, please contact our clinic at 213) 487-0150.



**Annelie Dobiey** DULA clinic patient

*"Life can be challenging, but help is available. I found it right here, the DULA clinic. The level of care for their patients, combined with a great dedication and service for the community, has made DULA an exceptionally fine-tuned university, a well-deserved place in what 21 century health is all about preventive, comprehensive, and holistic care. Thanks to the great quality of clinic service, I can say without reservation that my overall well-being has been greatly taken care of. I truly appreciate what DULA has done for me. Thank you."*



**Bertha M. Taylor** DULA clinic patient

*"Why do I drive for 45 minutes to DULA for an acupuncture treatment when I can go to another that is a ten-minute drive from my home? This school has a shining spiritual atmosphere in its entirety, including the top quality of the interns who come across from far and wide to study here, and the teachers who add years to our survival. This school enhances body, mind, and spirit."*



# APPLYING TO DULA

## MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN ORIENTAL MEDICINE (MSOM)

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree is preferred for all applications of the Masters of Science in Oriental Medicine program at Dongguk University Los Angeles. A background in western medicine is not required, nor is a graduate school entrance exam. Applicants who have not earned a bachelor's degree must have completed a minimum of an Associate's degree, or 60 semester units (90 quarter units) of the baccalaureate level education from a regionally accredited, degree-granting college or university. A cumulative GPA of 2.25 or higher is required to apply. Only those who demonstrates a likelihood of success in the field of oriental medicine will be accepted for admission within the accommodation capacity.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of your online or paper application written in English
  2. Non-refundable \$100 application fee, \$200 for international students  
\* Late fee \$20 will be added for late applications
  3. One passport-sized photo in white, black or light blue background taken within 3 months
  4. Personal statement essay written in English including:
    - Why do you want to attend DULA?
    - Your interest in and/or philosophical view of Oriental Medicine
    - What are your strength and skills that would make you a good healthcare practitioner?
  5. Two letters of recommendation (can be written in English, Korean or Chinese)
  6. Affidavit of support form with supporting bank statements issued within 6 months for international students
  7. Copy of diploma(s) from previous colleges and/or universities
  8. Sealed official transcripts from previous colleges and/or universities
  9. Foreign transcripts credential evaluation directly to DULA
- Visit <http://www.naces.org/> and select course by course service
10. Proof of residency
    - U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents: A copy of valid passport, birth certificate, naturalization certificate or permanent resident card
    - F-1 Visa or other Visas holders: A copy of valid passport, F-1 visa or other proper visas.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

The MSOM general application deadline for the following quarter is by Friday of the 7th week and the late application deadline for concurrent quarter is by Friday of the 1st week during a school quarter.

### LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The language requirement for English program is satisfied by;

- 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of baccalaureate level education taught in English at an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education, or from an equivalent English language institution in another country



- A minimum score of 61 (speaking 26 and listening 22) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-Based Test (IBT) or a level 6 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Exam

The language requirement for Chinese/Korean program is satisfied by;

- A minimum score of 45 (speaking 18 and listening 15) on the TOEFL/IBT. For non-native English speakers wishing to enroll in English program, a minimum score of 61 (speaking score 26 and listening 22) on the TOEFL/IBT is required.

**If you would like to send your application materials through mail, you can send it to:**

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## DOCTOR OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (DAOM)

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Graduation from an accredited or candidate Master's program in Oriental Medicine or equivalent

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Completion of your paper application form written in English
2. Non-refundable \$100 application fee, \$200 for international students
3. Two passport-sized photos in white, black or light blue background taken within 3 months
4. Personal statement essay written in English approximately 500 words
5. Two letters of recommendation written in English
6. Affidavit of support form with supporting bank statements issued within 6 months for international students
7. A copy of California Acupuncture License
8. A professional resume
9. Sealed official transcripts in Master's program from previous AOM colleges and/or universities
10. Foreign transcripts credential evaluation directly to DULA  
Visit <http://www.naces.org/> and select course by course service
11. Proof of residency
  - U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents: A copy of valid passport, birth certificate, naturalization certificate or permanent resident card
  - F-1 Visa or other Visas holders: A copy of valid passport, F-1 visa or other proper visas.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

The DAOM general application deadline for the following quarter is by Friday of the 7<sup>th</sup> week and the late application deadline for concurrent quarter is by Friday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week during a school quarter.

### **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

The language proficiency requirement is satisfied by;

- 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of baccalaureate level education taught in English at an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U. S. Secretary of Education, or from an equivalent English language institution in another country
- A minimum score of 61 (speaking 26 and listening 22) on TOEFL/IBT or a level 6 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Exam

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# FINANCIAL AID

DULA is proud to offer financial assistance to students who need funding for their education, only if they meet certain federally designated guidelines.

## **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- A male student between the ages of 18-25 must be registered with the Selective Service. Older students must have been registered during this age period.
- Females and students born before 1960 are exempt from this requirement.
- The student must maintain SAP (satisfactory academic progress) as defined by school policy while in attendance.
- The student must complete verification if required, prior to funds being disbursed.
- Not owe any refunds on a Pell Grant or other awards received and not be in default on repayment on any type of student loan.

## **TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID**

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal PLUS (Parent Loans for Undergraduates) Loan

## **LOAN AMOUNTS**

The maximum annual loan amount for independent undergraduate students is US \$12,500. Of this amount, US \$5,500 is a direct subsidized loan and US \$7,000 is unsubsidized. The maximum annual loan amount for graduate students is US \$20,500. Of this amount, US \$8,500 is a direct subsidized loan and US \$12,000 is unsubsidized.

\* For more information on financial aid or to schedule an appointment (Admitted students whose DULA Enrollment Agreement is entered), please contact our Financial Aid Officer at (213) 487 - 0110.

*This school is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students.*

