



# New England School of Acupuncture



Offering Master's Programs in Acupuncture  
and Oriental Medicine

**Oriental medicine (OM)** is enjoying growing acceptance in the United States. If you're interested in learning how to help patients experience the healing power of acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and other related medical arts, then New England School of Acupuncture is a great place to start.

At NESAs, we take pride in producing skilled, compassionate alumni who contribute to the health and wellness of their patients. Our intensive three-year master's programs include:

**over 1,200 hours of hands-on clinical instruction in small groups**

**instruction in Western sciences and biomedicine**

**joint degree opportunities with Tufts University School of Medicine**

**clinical internship opportunities in Boston-area hospitals and clinics**

The oldest school of acupuncture in the United States, NESAs provides a gateway to a fascinating career in OM. We invite you to learn more about what a NESAs education could mean to you.

### **Our Founder: Dr. So**

The late master acupuncturist James Tin Yau So founded NESAs in 1975 with the help of several of his students. Viewed by many as the "father of Oriental medicine in the United States," Dr. So practiced for decades in China, Hong Kong and the Philippines before coming to this country. In addition to our school, his lasting legacy includes developing some of the earliest textbooks in the field of acupuncture.

## Two Master's Degree Programs

The NESAs core curriculum provides theoretical and practical training in Chinese acupuncture while covering essential aspects of Western sciences and biomedicine. Students may choose program tracks from two master's degree options:

### **Master of Acupuncture (MAc)**

- Japanese Acupuncture Styles Track (JAS)
- Pain Management Track (PM)\*

### **Master of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MAOM)**

- Chinese Herbal Medicine Track (CHM)
- Dual Track (JAS and CHM)

\* Our graduate students are also eligible to simultaneously complete a master's of science degree in Pain Research, Education and Policy from **Tufts University School of Medicine** ([www.tufts.edu/med/prep](http://www.tufts.edu/med/prep)) through a joint agreement between the two institutions.

In addition, NESAs students, graduates and practitioners may take courses in our Continuing Education program.



# Why Choose NESAs?

## Hands-on Training

Small-group clinical instruction is at the heart of a NESAs education. Our students begin needling in their first term and perform extensive clinical assisting in their first two years. During year three, they take part in clinical internships in acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine.

Interns practice under licensed acupuncturists at the NESAs Clinic (our teaching clinic) and at our satellite clinics throughout Greater Boston. These locations offer exposure to patients from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds and with a wide range of conditions.

## A Place Where Research Matters

Our strong commitment to research is unique among acupuncture schools in the Western world. In 2002, we became the first and only NIH-funded Developmental Center for Research in Complementary and Alternative Medicine devoted to OM. As such, our faculty and staff apply the highest standards of science in performing research aimed at unraveling the mysteries of traditional OM practices.

In addition, collaborations with Harvard Medical School, Tufts School of Medicine, and other hospitals and research institutions allow our students to participate in cutting-edge research that is shaping the future of medical care.

## Resources to Help You Grow

NESAs's Kelly Library has an outstanding collection of materials, offering unprecedented access to electronic journal articles and research databases. Library holdings include more than 2,300 electronic journal titles, 4,500 books, 500 videos and audio CDs, and 136 print journals.



## Our Faculty

Our acupuncture and OM faculty consists of skilled practitioners who have completed advanced training and have lectured and published widely. Our Western medicine faculty includes physicians, researchers and other highly trained professionals. The depth and diversity of our faculty makes for a comprehensive learning experience that balances theoretical and practical knowledge.

## Our Students

The NESAs student population ...

- is mature and well-educated
- comes from a variety of cultural and professional backgrounds
- ranges in age from the mid-20s to the early 60s
- is committed to learning in a rich and lively academic community

## An Ideal Location

NESAs is the only school of acupuncture in New England. Our location — near Boston and Cambridge — makes it convenient to pursue enriching opportunities for life outside the classroom. Some of the world's most renowned medical centers and educational institutions are within easy reach, so students can attend lectures, workshops and other events relevant to their field of study.

## Career Paths for Graduates

In addition to building their own practices, our graduates often work in public health clinics, hospitals or other settings with a wide range of health providers. NESAs alumni also have:

- authored well-known texts
- established acupuncture clinics in hospitals, community health centers and extended-care facilities
- initiated groundbreaking research on acupuncture
- founded colleges of OM

### “The Business of Practice”

At NESAs, we understand that the value of a master’s degree is measured by what you do with it. That’s why we have created “The Business of Practice” series.

This ongoing series of lectures, workshops, training programs and mentoring opportunities explores the challenging transition from student to practitioner. By interacting with practitioners, lawyers, real estate brokers and other experts, students gain valuable insight on how to launch their career and establish a successful practice.

## What Else You Should Know

### Admissions Requirements

Applicants to NESAs must have a baccalaureate-level degree. For more information on admissions requirements, please contact our Admissions Department or visit [www.nesa.edu/admissions](http://www.nesa.edu/admissions).

### Applying to NESAs

We accept an incoming class for each fall term.

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**Early admission application deadline: December 1**

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**Regular admission application deadline: May 1**

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We consider applications on a rolling basis. Please visit [www.nesa.edu/forms](http://www.nesa.edu/forms) or contact the Admissions Department for applications and instructions.

### Experiencing NESAs for Yourself

Are you thinking of applying to NESAs? We encourage you to visit our school, observe classes and have an acupuncture treatment at the NESAs Clinic. You may also want to attend an open house, which we hold about once a month. We look forward to meeting you!

### NESAs Admissions Department

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NESAs is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt institution, authorized by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant a Master of Acupuncture (MAc) degree and a Master of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MAOM) degree. Both degree programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), a U.S. Department of Education-recognized accreditation agency. As such, our students are eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

