Maryland University of Integrative Health’s (MUIH) 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 that guides students to intentionally craft their words and actions 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
- Dynamic and distinguished faculty, including renowned leaders in the fields of Chinese medicine, philosophy, and wellness
- Draws on the Taoist tradition of treating the whole person, and includes Five Elements, the twelve officials, and yin/yang
- Flexible, daytime format or evening/weekend format
- Learning format that provides mentorship and flexibility for students to learn in small groups and in one-on-one settings during clinical rotation
- Integrative Health Science courses are tailored to the program with a specific emphasis on East-West comparative analysis
- 560 hours of supervised clinical practice, and more than 150 hours of clinical observation with more than two dozen faculty mentors
- Only accredited graduate program to offer National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) training and related clinical experience as part of curriculum
- 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 Maryland University of Integrative Health’s (MUIH) Master of Acupuncture program are dispersed widely throughout the United States in more than 40 states and seven countries.

Many of our graduates have 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 active in educating the public through wellness presentations in schools and at institutions of higher learning.

Daytime Format
The curriculum consists of nine trimesters, divided into three levels over three years. For the first five trimesters, classes are scheduled two days a week. Beginning trimester six, weekday classes are consolidated into one full class day and students also meet in groups with faculty supervisors as they begin their clinical experience.

Evening/Weekend Format
The Master of Acupuncture program is also available in an evening/weekend format. This flexible program includes some online courses and is scheduled two evenings per week and four weekends per trimester, to be completed in a minimum of four years.

Clinical Experience
The clinical experience in MUIH’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 those hours include directly delivering treatments as a primary practitioner or assisting other student practitioners in treatment delivery hours at MUIH’s Natural Care Center.

Academic Director
Jeff Millison, M.Ac.

Admission Requirements
To be considered for admission to all graduate academic programs, including master’s degree and graduate certificate programs, applicants must have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution. In addition, applicants must submit an official transcript for the bachelor’s degree and all degrees earned beyond a bachelor’s degree.

For More Information
Detailed course descriptions, faculty bios, admissions process, tuition, and more program information are available online at www.muih.edu. You can also find the complete Academic Catalog at www.muih.edu.

For admission questions and to visit the campus, please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 410-888-9048 ext. 6647 or admissions@muih.edu.

For financial aid and scholarship details, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 410-888-9048 ext. 6628, financialaid@muih.edu, or visit www.muih.edu.