



American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine

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Application Checklist for All Applicants

- Complete all questions and submit the online application form at <https://www.acaom.edu/programs/apply-now/>

In addition to submitting the online form, you must provide all of the items listed below to complete your application for admission. After the completed online form is submitted and all the items below are received, your application will be forwarded to the Admission Committee for review. See application deadlines:

<https://acaom.edu/attachments/Admissions-Deadlines.pdf>

- Digital photograph (a recent headshot or passport-style photograph)
- A copy of valid personal identification (passport or driver's license)
- Personal Statement: a one-page, type-written essay discussing your passion and goal towards the program. (CV not acceptable.)
- Official transcripts from ALL colleges previously attended. (Must be in sealed envelope or authenticated e-transcript)
- If any transcript is from an international institution and it cannot be determined that all academic requirements for admission have been satisfied, then a professional, "course-by-course" credit evaluation of the academic transcript is required. Any agency that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) can be used, such as, www.wes.org, www.spantran.com, www.gceus.com, etc...
- Two letters of recommendation. These can be current or previous employers, instructors, or other responsible individuals who have known you for more than 2 years. (Provide email addresses for references in the online application and an electronic request for a recommendation will be sent to them. It is *preferable* to use professional or work-issued email addresses for this purpose, instead of gmail, yahoo, etc...)
- Documentation of English Proficiency (***applicable to DACM/MAOM, and those needing an F-1 I-20 issued to apply for an F-1 student visa***):
 - Completion of at least 60 credit hours of a baccalaureate or graduate level, English-based education in an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the Department of Education
 - TOEFL scores: for MAOM/ DAOM programs minimum of 61 overall with at least 26 speaking and 22 listening, for DACM minimum of 80 overall with at least 26 in speaking and 22 listening
 - IELTS overall band score of at least 6.0 for MAOM/DAOM programs and at least 6.5 for DACM program
- Non-refundable application fee of \$100
- Interview conducted by Admissions Committee (if necessary)
- Copies of any health-related licenses or certificates (if applicable)

Additional Requirements for Financial Aid Applicants:

Degree-seeking, non-international students who register for at least a half-time academic workload maybe eligible for Stafford loans. However students attending on federal financial aid loans must take a higher course-load each term than self-pay students, to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) towards graduation. If you plan to apply for Federal student loans (Graduate Stafford Unsubsidized and/or Graduate PLUS loans):

- You must submit your FAFSA to us through: fafsa.ed.gov. Our school code is 031533. Your application will not be complete for admissions processing until the FAFSA report is received.

Additional Requirements for International Students:

- Submit proof of financial responsibility with one of the following:
 - Current bank statement showing a minimum balance of
 - \$36,926 for MAOM program, or
 - \$36,072 for MIWM program
 - Affidavit of support showing a guaranteed support of one year’s cost of attendance
 - If you will be financially supported by another person during your study, a recent bank statement from your sponsor showing at least the above amount is required.
- Copies of any and all previous I-20 (if applicable)

Mail official transcripts and other documents to:

Office of Admissions
American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine
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Admissions questions: Email: admissions@acaom.edu or Phone: 713-780-9777

NOTE: ACAOM cannot guarantee that applicants with a criminal history will be granted a state license. To determine eligibility, contact the state medical or acupuncture licensing board in your jurisdiction for complete information on license requirements and restrictions.
