

# The Irish College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (ICTCM)

### Course Fees 2024-25

# **Lic.TCM Acupuncture Training**

To enable you to "forward plan", we have set the fees in advance for all three years of this programme. This table shows the standard fee and the discounted fee (in brackets).

Year 1 Acupuncture Course €3,850 (€3,754)

Western Medicine Module (if required) €480 (€468)

Year 2 Acupuncture Course €3,950 (€3,851)

Year 3 Acupuncture Course €3,950 (€3,851)

(NOTE: no additional clinical fee applies)

NOTE: Please note that although we have NOT increased out Tuition Fees for some years, the payment schedule, due to changing accountancy arrangements, has slightly altered.

The payment structure is explained below as are the special payment plans.

The discounted fee applies to students paying for the whole year in one go.

### Q. What are the Standard Course fees and when are they due?

Tuition fees, including Western medical sciences, are shown above.

While there are more training weekends in the clinical year, there are no additional clinical year fees. The additional costs of extra clinical training is borne by the College.

These fees, are on a yearly basis\*.

The fees can be paid in instalments.

The first payment is a non-refundable deposit paid by candidates upon acceptance to the College. This deposit is taken as part payment of the fee for the first year.

<sup>\*</sup> Note\* "on a yearly basis" means that, whether or not you complete the whole academic year, enrolment as a student means that you are contracting to pay the whole of the first year fee. The instalment payment methods means that you can spread the payments. They are designed for those without the resources to pay the whole fee in one go – and are usually cheaper than having to borrow the fees via a bank loan.

The remainder of the fees are normally paid in two further equal instalments, the first of which must be paid in full, by a specified date \*approximately 2 to 3 months prior to the start of the Programme, depending on when you apply. If this payment date is missed your place will not be secure and the Deposit will be forfeited.

If places are still available and Late Applicants are accepted, they have to pay this instalment at least four weeks before the commencement of the course, or, if that date has already passed, immediately.

The final instalment must be paid in full by a specified date as shown below.

Failure to meet these financial commitments will be cause for immediate exclusion from the course and the College.

As this is a fee for the year, remission or return of fees is only granted in the most exceptional of circumstances and may only be granted after written application with supporting documentation and after review by the Academic Board.

### Q. Are there any other payment options?

Yes. There is a discount for paying the course fee in one go, and there are also options to pay in more than two instalments. See the Payment Plan below for details.

#### Q. Are there any other expenses?

Very few. You will need to buy only one or two course books a year. Also, you will need to buy your own personal clinical equipment which you will use in the Teaching Clinic and afterwards in your own professional practice but you will not need to buy this until the end of the Second year. Some online course materials will also be provided from time to time, for which there is no additional charge.

An examination fee will be charged at the appropriate time towards the end of the second year and in the third year. In each of the academic years, there is an additional charge for any student who fails exams and needs to repeat them.

# LIC.TCM - Fee Payment Plan 2024-2025

#### Fee payment structure:

All bar the "normal payment method" are offered exclusively at the discretion of the Financial Director of the ICTCM, and in light of prevailing economic circumstances:

The illustrative figures shown below assume that the student is a First year student *doing both Acupuncture training and Western Medicine.* 

#### Normal payment method - Deposit + 2 instalments:

Deposit of €250 to be paid immediately after acceptance.

The remaining fees, which are on a yearly basis, can be paid in two equal instalments.

The first instalment of €2040 is due by the date given to you on acceptance \*

The second instalment of €2040 must be paid in full by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

#### Deposit + 1 instalment:

If you wish to pay the full fee in one payment in advance, you will receive a 2.5 % discount. The remaining fee owed in this case is reduced to €3972 provided it is paid by the specified date\*.

**Deposit + 4 instalments**: (Note: This option is not normally available to late applicants).

Deposit of €250 to be paid immediately after acceptance.

The remaining fees, which are on a yearly basis, can be paid in four equal instalments. This payment plan is subject to a 2.5% administrative fee.

The dates for these payments are as shown below.

The first instalment of €1045.50 must be paid in full by the date given to you on acceptance\*

The second instalment of €1045.50 must be paid in full by  $30^{th}$  November 2024 The third instalment of €1045.50 must be paid in full by  $30^{th}$  January 2025 The final instalment of €1045.50 must be paid in full by  $30^{th}$  March 2025

NOTE: \*The date by which the first instalment must be paid will be discussed with you individually on acceptance and is in line with the information given above.

#### **PAYMENT METHOD**

The preferred Payment Method is by bank transfer. Details are provided on acceptance to the programme.

#### LATE PAYMENT

Please note that failure to pay fees by the specified dates will incur an additional administrative payment of Euro 70 for each late payment.

If a student is in payment arrears they will NOT be permitted to attend the College until the outstanding payment and late payment fee has been successfully lodged in the College account.

#### LATE APPLICANTS

After 1<sup>st</sup> September late applicants who have been accepted will be given an imminent date by which the Deposit and first instalment must be paid.

Finance Officer, ICTCM.

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