

ADMISSIONS POLICIES

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The Institute of Clinical Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ICAOM) is seeking students who have the necessary desire, educational background and personal character to ensure their ability to complete the program, maintain good standing, and develop into a competent practitioner. ICAOM is open to all qualified applicants and provides equal educational opportunities regardless of racial origin, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical disability.

ICAOM prefers candidates who have completed the Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education; however, an Associate degree or its equivalent (60 semester or 90 quarter credits) with a 2.5 GPA from an accredited institution would be the minimum requirements. This is considered appropriate preparation for graduate level work.

A maximum of 50% (30 semester or 45 quarter credits) of the prerequisite two-year education requirement may be earned through learning assessment using either, or a combination of, the following assessment techniques:

1. *Credit by examination through the use of standardized tests.* The only standardized tests accepted by ICAOM are those offered by the College Level Examination Program. Examination topics, passing scores and units accepted for transfer as a prerequisite are the same as those used by the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The CLEP website is clep.collegeboard.org
2. *Assignment of credit for military and corporate training based on recommendations established by the American Council of Education.* It is the applicant's responsibility to verify credit and obtain transcripts for any ACE program being offered as a prerequisite for admission at ICAOM. The American Council on Education website is www.acenet.edu

The Master's program at the Institute is very demanding academically. To benefit and enhance the applicant's success in the program, a background related to the Health Sciences such as the biological sciences (nutrition, biology, physiology and psychology) is recommended.

English Language Competency

English language competency is required of all students seeking admission to the program. This may be satisfied by scoring at least 61 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) internet based test (iBT) which also requires a minimum speaking exam score of 26 and a minimum listening exam score of 22, or a level 6 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam; Or the student must have completed two-years (60 semester credits or 90 quarter credits) of baccalaureate level education in an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education or from an equivalent English language institution in another country. Applicants who do not satisfy this requirement may be considered for admission with English as a second language, but they must satisfy the proficiency requirement in English before beginning the clinical experience.

For information on the Test of English as a Foreign Language, please consult the Educational Testing Service's TOEFL website at www.ets.org/toefl. The ICAOM code number for the TOEFL is 7978.