

# **Course Outline: Fundamentals of TCM**

There are a total of 7 topics included in this class.

Each topic spans 14 days in duration, with 10 days of self-study and Q&A submission on Day 11. Day 14 includes a 3-hour online zoom class for discussion and questions.

There is a suggested assessment plan for each topic, featuring quizzes that include short answer questions. This will help reinforce the learning objectives and gauge students' understanding of the material.

# **Topic 1: Introduction to TCM and Development**

### Days 1-10: Self-Study

- 1. Main components of chinese medicine (中医学的重要组成部分)
- 2. Characteristics of chinese medicine (中医学的基本特点)
- 3. Evolution and innovation of the TCM theoretical system (中医学理论体系的演进和创新)
- 4. Key classical contributions to TCM (中医学发展的主要标志)

Day 11: Q&A submission

Day 14: Online zoom class (3 hours)

Discussion and clarification of questions

# Topic 2: Qi Monism & Yin and Yang Theory

#### Days 1-10: Self-Study

- 1. Qi Monism and its role in understanding the material world
- 2. Yin and Yang theory: fundamental concept, characteristics and four phases of yin-yang Interaction.
- 3. Application of Yin-Yang theory in disease diagnosis and treatment

Day 11: Q&A submission

Day 14: Online zoom class (3 hours)

Discussion and clarification of questions



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### **Topic 3: The Five Elements**

### Days 1-10: Self-Study

- 1. Basic concept, characteristics and classifications of the five elements (wood, fire, earth, metal, water)
- 2. Relationships and interactions
- 3. Practical applications in disease diagnosis and treatment
- Day 11: Q&A submission
- Day 14: Online zoom class (3 hours)

Discussion and clarification of questions

# **Topic 4: Five Zang Organs and Six Fu Organs**

#### Days 1-10: Self-Study

- 1. The concepts of the Five Zang organs and Six Fu organs
- 2. Physiological and energetic functions of these organs, their interconnectedness, and their roles in maintaining balance and harmony within the body

Day 11: Q&A submission

Day 14: Online zoom class (3 hours)

Discussion and clarification of questions

# Topic 5: Essence Qi, Blood and Body Fluid

#### Days 1-10: Self-Study

- 1. Essence (Jing), Qi, blood, and body fluids as the foundation of life. Concepts and functions of essence, Qi, blood and body fluids.
- 2. The role of these substances in maintaining health: A brief introduction to their interrelated functions.
- 3. The relationship between the body's substances and the organs: How the viscera and meridians interact with these substances.

Day 11: Q&A submission



Day 14: Online zoom class (3 hours)

Discussion and clarification of questions

# **Topic 6: Etiologies**

### Days 1-11: Self-Study

- 1. Introduction to etiology in traditional chinese medicine
- 2. The role of internal and external factors
- 3. Categories of etiological factors (six external pathogenic evil; seven emotional factors)

### Day 11: Q&A submission

Day 14: Online zoom class (3 hours)

Discussion and clarification of questions

# **Topic 7: Pathogenesis**

### Days 1-11: Self-Study

- 1. Principles of disease onset
- 2. Fundamental pathogenesis

Day 11: Q&A submission

Day 14: Online zoom class (3 hours)

Discussion and clarification of questions