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SDUTCM Admission Guide for International Students **2025**

About SDUTCM

Shandong province is one of the birthplaces of Chinese civilization. There are 3 beautiful name cards of the province: Mount Tai, the No.1 mountain among the five most important mountains in China; Yellow River, the ever–running mother river of Chinese; Confucius, the founder of Confucianism. It has a profound history of Chinese culture and rich tourism resources, and it is a province with a rich historical heritage and modern vitality. Shandong is also the birthplace of acupuncture and moxibustion in the world and the hometown of Bian Que, the founder of one of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). The Qilu School of TCM highlights the unique characteristic of TCM Doctor with Confucian philosophy.

Shandong University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SDUTCM) was founded in 1958 and is one of the early institutions of higher education in TCM established in the early years of the People's Republic of China (PRC). It was designated as a national key TCM institution in 1978. It is supported by the People's Government of Shandong Province and the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine and awarded the title of Provincial Pacesetter Campus of Civility, Shandong provincial high–level university and high–level disciplines. The university comprises 18 teaching departments, 5 specialized research institutes, 5 auxiliary educational units, and 3 directly affiliated hospitals.

There are currently 3 national key disciplines, namely the History and Literature of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Internal Medicine of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Basic Theory of Traditional Chinese Medicine. The number of national key disciplines in provincial undergraduate universities ranks first. SDUTCM was among the first institutions granted master's and doctoral degree conferral rights, with 4 doctoral first–level disciplines and 9 master's first–level disciplines. It was also among the first to become the first undertaking unit of the National Basic Research Program of China. Traditional Chinese Medicine has been selected as a Peak Discipline, Integration of Chinese and Western Medicine and Traditional Chinese Pharmacology have been selected as Advantageous Characteristic Disciplines, and Biomedical Engineering has been selected as a Cultivation Discipline in Shandong Province. The university has 8 disciplines selected for National High–level TCM Key Discipline Construction Program.

There are currently 292 doctoral supervisors and 1296 master's supervisors. 4 faculty members were awarded the "National Master of Chinese Medicine" and 5 faculty members were honored as "National Distinguished TCM Practitioners".

SDUTCM has established cooperative relationships with nearly 200 higher education and medical research institutions worldwide. In recent years, it has educated over 5,000 international students from 76 countries. Guided by the motto "Cultivating virtues and harboring benevolence, learning extensively and practicing persistently", the university capitalizes on 3 unique cultural assets of Confucian Medical Traditions, Birthplace of Bian Que, Cradle of Acupuncture and was forged a distinctive character in TCM education.

Application Time

Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Degree Programs: March 1, 2025 to June 15, 2025

Preparatory Programs: March 1, 2025 to June 15, 2025 (Autumn enrollment in 2025); September 15, 2025 to December 31, 2025 (Spring enrollment in 2026)

Featured Programs: Offered year–round. Please contact Admissions and Training Office for details.

Enrollment Programs

Bachelor's Degree Program

(I). Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be non–Chinese citizens and meet the criteria specified in the Notice by the Ministry of Education of Regulating Admission of International Students to China's Higher Education Institutions (Letter No.12 [2020] of the Ministry of Education), physically and mentally healthy, friendly to China and have no criminal record;
2. Applicants should possess at minimum a high school diploma or equivalent qualification;
3. Language proficiency requirements:
 - (1) Chinese–taught majors: Applicants must pass the HSK Level 4 examination (180 points or above). Applicants with the highest level of education taught in Chinese are exempt from providing an HSK certificate, but must provide proof of the language of instruction.
 - (2) English–taught majors: Applicants whose native language is English are exempt from providing English language proficiency certificates. Applicants whose native language is not English must provide proof of English language proficiency with the results of IELTS (6.0 or above), TOEFL (80 points or above), MyBest Scores (80 points or above), Essentials test (8 points or above), or other equivalent English language proficiency certificates. Applicants whose native language is not English but have received their highest level of education taught in English are exempt from providing IELTS/TOEFL certificates and other proof of English proficiency, but must submit proof of the language of instruction.

(II). Majors:

Major	Years	Language
Traditional Chinese Medicine	5	Chinese
Acupuncture, Moxibustion and Tuina	5	
Integrated Chinese and Western Clinical Medicine	5	
Clinical Medicine	5	
Ophthalmology and Optometric Medicine	5	
Optometry	4	
Rehabilitation Science of Traditional Chinese Medicine	4	
Rehabilitation Therapy	4	
Physical Therapy	4	
Occupational Therapy	4	
Applied Psychology	4	
Food Safety and Nutrition	4	
Intelligent Medical Engineering	4	
Biomedical Engineering	4	
Computer Science and Technology	4	
Data Science and Big Data Technology	4	
Traditional Chinese Pharmacy	4	
Pharmacy	4	Chinese/English
Nursing	4	

Master's Degree Program

(I). Eligibility:

- 1. Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens and meet the criteria specified in the Notice by the Ministry of Education of Regulating Admission of International Students to China's Higher Education Institutions (Letter No.12 [2020] of the Ministry of Education), physically and mentally healthy, friendly to China and have no criminal record;
- 2. Applicants must possess a Bachelor's degree.
- 3. Language proficiency requirements:
 - (1) Chinese-taught Majors: Applicants must pass the HSK Level 5 examination (180 points or above). Applicants with the highest level of education taught in Chinese are exempt from providing an HSK certificate, but must provide proof of the language of instruction.
 - (2) English-taught Majors: Applicants whose native language is English are exempt from providing English language proficiency certificates. Applicants whose native language is not English must provide proof of English language proficiency with the results of IELTS (6.0 or above), TOEFL (80 points or above), MyBest Scores (80 points or above), Essentials test (8 points or above), or other equivalent English language proficiency certificates. Applicants whose native language is not English but have received their highest level of education taught in English are exempt from providing IELTS/TOEFL certificates and other proof of English proficiency, but must submit proof of the language of instruction.

(II). Majors:

Major	Years	Language
History and Literature of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	Chinese
Basic Theory of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Clinical Foundations of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine (Basic Science)	3	
Diagnostics of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Herbal Prescription Science	3	
Acupuncture, Moxibustion and Tuina	3	
Internal Medicine of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Surgery of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Orthopedics and Traumatology in Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Gynecology of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Pediatrics of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Otorhinolaryngology and Ophthalmology in Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine (Clinical Application)	3	
Ophthalmology	3	
Applied Psychology	3	
Health Preservation in Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Rehabilitation Medicine and Physical Therapy	3	
Rehabilitation Science of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Traditional Chinese Pharmacy	3	
Pharmacy	3	Chinese/English
Nursing	3	
Electronics Information	3	
Biomedical Engineering	3	

Doctoral Degree Program

(I). Eligibility:

- 1. Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens and meet the criteria specified in the Notice by the Ministry of Education of Regulating Admission of International Students to China' s Higher Education Institutions (Letter No.12 [2020] of the Ministry of Education), physically and mentally healthy, friendly to China and have no criminal record;
- 2. Applicants must possess a Master' s degree.
- 3. Language proficiency requirements:
 - (1) Chinese-taught Majors: Applicants must pass the HSK Level 5 examination (180 points or above). Applicants with the highest level of education taught in Chinese are exempt from providing an HSK certificate, but must provide proof of the language of instruction.
 - (2) English-taught Majors: Applicants whose native language is English are exempt from providing English language proficiency certificates. Applicants whose native language is not English must provide proof of English language proficiency with the results of IELTS (6.0 or above), TOEFL (80 points or above), MyBest Scores (80 points or above), Essentials test (8 points or above), or other equivalent English language proficiency certificates. Applicants whose native language is not English but have received their highest level of education taught in English are exempt from providing IELTS/TOEFL certificates and other proof of English proficiency, but must submit proof of the language of instruction.

(II). Majors:

Major	Years	Language
History and Literature of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	Chinese
Basic Theory of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Clinical Foundations of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine (Basic Science)	3	
Diagnostics of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Acupuncture, Moxibustion and Tuina	3	
Internal Medicine of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Surgery of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Orthopedics and Traumatology in Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Gynecology of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Pediatrics of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Otorhinolaryngology and Ophthalmology in Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine (Clinical Application)	3	
Health Preservation in Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Rehabilitation Science of Traditional Chinese Medicine	3	
Herbal Prescription Science	3	
Traditional Chinese Pharmacy	3	
Pharmacy	3	Chinese/English
Biomedical Engineering	3	

Preparatory Program

(I). Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens and meet the criteria specified in the Notice by the Ministry of Education of Regulating Admission of International Students to China's Higher Education Institutions (Letter No.12 [2020] of the Ministry of Education), physically and mentally healthy, friendly to China and have no criminal record;
2. Language Proficiency Requirements:
Applicants with no prior Chinese proficiency must demonstrate English competency sufficient for daily communication.
Non-beginner Applicants should submit valid HSK certificate or proof of prior Chinese-taught coursework.

(II). Program Types

Program	Description	Duration
TCM Chinese Program	Students will be placed into appropriate classes based on a comprehensive assessment of their Chinese language proficiency, which includes interviews, written tests, and other evaluative methods. Absolute beginners can reach HSK 3-4 after one academic year. Through a structured and systematic curriculum in Modern Chinese, the program aims to establish a solid foundation of linguistic knowledge while enhancing students’ integrated skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and translation. The curriculum is further enriched with TCM Chinese and a series of academic and cultural exchange activities related to TCM. These components are designed to deepen students’ understanding of TCM and equip them with a basic knowledge framework in the field.	1 Academic Year (Sep 2025 – Jul 2026) OR 1 Semester (Fall: Sep 2025 – Jan 2026 / Spring: Mar 2026 – Jul 2026)
Customized Program	Tailor-made Chinese language courses, specialized modules, or academic bridging courses for bachelor’ s, master’ s, or doctoral studies can be arranged upon request, depending on individual or institutional needs.	

Featured Program

(I). Eligibility:

Applicants must be foreign citizens, physically and mentally healthy, friendly to China and have no criminal record. Applicants should exhibit a genuine interest in TCM, Chinese language, or Chinese culture, maintain good moral character, comply with Chinese laws and university regulations, and respect the customs and traditions of the Chinese people.

(II). Type of Course:

Projects can be customized according to the specific needs of participants. The type and duration of theoretical lectures or clinical observation modules can be selected. Upon completion of required coursework, participants will receive Advanced Training Certificate. The language of instruction available in Chinese and English.

Course	Introduction
Qilu-Style Acupuncture and Moxibustion Techniques	The content is divided into three parts: "Qilu Culture, Medicine, Acupuncture and Moxibustion" "Practitioners and Medical Works" and "Historical Reverence". It mainly introduces the concepts of Qilu culture, medicine, acupuncture and moxibustion, the expertise of representative practitioners throughout history, their works, the academic characteristics of acupuncture, and their influence on later generations, as well as the reverence people hold for famous doctors. The course emphasizes the integration of theory and practice, combining lectures with training to help students master the fundamental operational skills of “Qilu Acupuncture and Moxibustion” and develop innovative thinking.
Qilu-Style TCM Tuina Techniques	TCM Tuina (massage) is a therapeutic and preventive method skilled in treating conditions in traumatology, internal medicine, surgery, gynecology, pediatrics, ENT, and other specialties. It is characterized by simplicity, remarkable efficacy, broad applicability, and no toxic side effects. The course focuses on TCM Tuina techniques and treatments, supplemented by explanations of needle-knife therapy, floating acupuncture, various specialized acupuncture techniques, moxibustion with needle-pricking, traction, fumigation, cupping, etc. It combines theoretical learning, manual practice, and clinical observation to enhance students’ knowledge and clinical competence.
Qilu-Style Pediatric Tuina Techniques	Pediatric Tuina is effective in treating common and frequently occurring diseases and plays a positive role in preventive healthcare, growth and development, intellectual enhancement, and immunity improvement in children. It is quick effect, highly effective, no toxic side effects, and suitable for children aged 0-15. Qilu-Style Pediatric Tuina has a long historical heritage and is an important part of clinical practice and teaching in Pediatric Tuina in China. The course integrates theoretical learning, manual practice, and clinical observation, enabling students to comprehensively and intuitively grasp and apply their knowledge from multiple perspectives.
TCM External Therapy Techniques	TCM external therapies refer to treatments other than oral herbal medicine, featuring simplicity, convenience, affordability, efficacy, and rapid results. Based on the key discipline of TCM external therapy under the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, this course highlights specialized techniques such as single-needle therapy, umbilical therapy, Du meridian moxibustion, acupoint application, holographic therapy, orifice therapy, indirect moxibustion, catgut embedding at acupoints, incense moxibustion, walnut moxibustion, etc. These techniques can effectively prevent and treat diseases in internal medicine, surgery, gynecology, pediatrics, ENT, and other fields, offering unique advantages. The course enhances students’ theoretical foundation and clinical diagnostic skills in external therapies through practical clinical approaches.
TCM Nursing Techniques	TCM nursing, guided by TCM theory, applies holistic concepts, syndrome-differentiated care methods, and western nursing techniques to guide clinical nursing, prevention, health preservation, and rehabilitation. This course introduces the brief history of TCM nursing, fundamental TCM theories, basic TCM nursing knowledge, common TCM nursing techniques, TCM health preservation, etc. Starting from clinical practice, it focuses on cultivating students’ TCM thinking and nursing skills.
TCM Gynecology and Reproductive Techniques	This course primarily covers advantageous gynecological diseases and specialized diagnostic and therapeutic techniques. It focuses on the research and treatment of infertility caused by various factors in both partners, highlighting TCM characteristics while incorporating modern reproductive medicine advancements. It teaches unique herbal conditioning methods and acupuncture-physiotherapy approaches and provides training in integrated TCM-Western assisted reproductive technology. Tailored to students’ needs, clinical diagnosis and treatment emphasize TCM herbal medicine, integrating Chinese and Western approaches, combining medication with surgical treatments. It offers in-depth explanations on major challenging gynecological and reproductive disorders, disease prevention, and rehabilitation through evidence-based medicine, clinical pathways, clinical experience, and case analysis.

Course	Introduction
TCM Dietary Therapy Techniques	Relying on our university’ s Food Safety and Nutrition program – the first undergraduate nutrition program in TCM universities nationwide and a Shandong Province first–class undergraduate program – this course builds on TCM foundations and inherits dietary theories such as “harmony between humans and nature” and “yin–yang balance.” It focuses on TCM health preservation theory, Chinese dietary culture, TCM dietary therapy, TCM nutrition, medicinal foods, and herbal cuisine. Aligned with societal needs, it equips students with a solid theoretical foundation and practical skills.
TCM Psychology	TCM psychology inherits ancient Chinese philosophical understandings of psychological phenomena and intersects with modern psychological theories, forming a unique theoretical and therapeutic system. This course introduces the brief history of TCM psychology, fundamental theories, psychological development and education from a TCM perspective, TCM psychological health preservation, and common TCM psycho–therapeutic techniques. Starting from life and clinical practice, it emphasizes cultivating students’ TCM dialectical thinking in psychology and comprehensive practical skills in psychotherapy.
Customized Courses	In addition to the above specialized courses, we offer tailored lectures such as traditional fitness exercises (e.g., Tai Chi, Qigong), Five Movements and Six Qi (Wuyun Liuqi), dialectical pulse diagnosis, TCM herbal paste, cosmetic acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping, etc. We also organize study tours on Qilu medicine and culture, Confucianism, Mount Tai, and Yellow River.

Application Process

(I) Online Application

1. Applicants are required to register and log in to the SDUTCM International Student Application Website: <https://sdutcm.at0086.cn/StuApplication/> (All review and admission notifications will be sent via the email submitted during registration. Please check your inbox regularly.)
2. Applicants for featured or customized projects are required to send their intended course type, preferred schedule, and other relevant details via email to sdutcmio@163.com. Upon confirmation of the schedule, applicants are required to register and log in to the <https://sdutcm.at0086.cn/StuApplication/>.
3. Complete the application form in full, upload all required documents as specified, and submit the electronic application accordingly.

(II) Qualification Review

Applicants can check their admission status via the online platform.
After preliminary approval, applications will be forwarded to relevant departments for further review.
Some programs may require an entrance exam or assessment. Admission is granted upon passing.

(III) Admission Letter

Once admitted, an email notification will be sent via the application system (<https://sdutcm.at0086.cn/StuApplication/>). The official admission letter and Visa Application for Study in China (JW202 Form) will be sent to the registered email address. Please check your email for updates regularly.

Application Documents

Documents	Featured Program	Preparatory Program	Bachelor's Degree Program	Master's Degree Program	Doctoral Degree Program
Application Form	√	√	√	√	√
Copy of Passport	√	√	√	√	√
Physical Examination Form	Students aged 60 and above are required to provide a health certificate	√	√	√	√
Highest Educational Certificate		√	√	√	√
Transcript		√	√	√	√
Non–criminal Record Report		√	√	√	√
Language Certificate		If you have it, please submit it	√	√	√
Study Plan			√	√	√
Recommendation Letter				√	√
Guardian’ s Guarantee Letter	Applicants under the age of 18 are required to provide legal guardian documents				

(I) Requirement of Application Documents

1. Application Form: All applicants are requested to fill in Name the same as that in the passport. Abbreviations or omissions of the middle name are not allowed. If there is no family name or first name, please leave a blank (e.g. ‘–’ or ‘.’). All applicants are requested to submit a colored two–inch bareheaded registration photo on the system, with a white background and without rim, size 100–500KB, JPG format. Applicants are required to fill in all the study and work experiences from high school so far without time gap. (If applicants have military service, please list the period of it.) The applicant are required to fill in the highest level of education experience.
2. Copy of Passport: All applicants are required to upload color–scanned clear and complete passport information page. Applicants already in China must submit color scanned visa within the validity period and the latest entry stamp.
3. Physical Examination Form: Applicants who will study in China for more than 3 months or applicants age 60 and above must submit Foreigner Physical Examination Form (photocopy) written in English or Chinese. (downloaded from <http://gjiaoyu.sdutcm.edu.cn/info/1114/1452.htm>) The physical examinations must cover all of the items listed in the form. Incomplete forms or forms without the signature of the attending physician, or the official stamp of the hospital, or a sealed photograph of the applicant are considered as invalid. Please carefully plan your physical examination schedule as the result is valid for only 6 months.
4. Highest Educational Certificate: Applicants are required to submit either scanned diploma or certificate of the highest degree. If the degree certificate is not acquired yet, the previously acquired academic certificate shall be submitted. If the diploma or degree certificate has not be obtained, it will not be admitted. If the academic certificate or graduation certificate is non–English or Chinese, the original shall be attached with notarized Chinese or English translations.
5. Transcript: Applicants are required to submit an official and complete transcript covering all years of study from their preceding degree program. Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English shall be attached with original transcripts and notarized Chinese or English translations.
6. Non–criminal Record Report: Applicants are required to submit a valid certificate of Non–Criminal Record issued

- by the local public security authority, usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application.
7. Language Certificate: Applicants apply for Bachelor’ s Program are required to submit HSK4 Certificate; apply for Master’ s Program and Doctoral Program are required to submit HSK5 Certificate; apply for Preparatory Program are required to submit HSK certificates or Chinese proficiency certificates of the corresponding level. English proficiency certification materials are required for English programs.
8. Study Plan: A study plan or research proposal (written in Chinese or English) are required to submit. No less than 500 words for Bachelor’ s Program, 1500 words for Master’ s Program and 2500 words for Doctoral Program.
9. Recommendation Letter: Applicants for Master's and Doctoral Programs are required to submit two recommendation letters signed by relevant professors, written in Chinese or English.
10. Guardian's Guarantee Letter: Applicants under the age of 18 must submit valid documents of legal guardians, such as ID card, Bank statement and letter of guardian (Either one is acceptable).
11. Other documents, such as published papers, award certificates, work or internship certificates, can also be submitted in the form of attachments.

(II) Note

- All materials uploaded through the system are required to be clear, true and valid;
SDUTCM does Not accept any hard-copy application documents;
Please bring the originals of all the above-mentioned documents when registering; Those who provide a prospective diploma certificate must bring the original official graduation certificate for verification;
Please contact SDUTCM directly, SDUTCM DOES NOT entrust any individual or agent for enrollment.

Examination & Admission

- Applicants for Preparatory, Bachelor’ s, Master’ s, and Doctoral Programs are required to attend an online interview to assess language proficiency, professional knowledge, study plans, etc. Examination details will be sent via email through the SDUTCM International Student Application Website (<https://sdutcm.at0086.cn/StuApplication/>). Please check your email and attend the interview on time. Applicants who fail to attend the interview as required will not be admitted.
- The university will select the best applicants through a review of their application documents and interviews. The university will issue an electronic admission letter and the Confirmation Form for Study in China (JW202) or Short-term International Student's Information Form (DQ) to the admitted students.

Registration

- Admitted applicants are required to strictly follow the time specified in the admission letter to register at SDUTCM. Failure to register on time without prior communication will result in cancellation of admission.
- During registration, the original copies of the graduation certificate, language proficiency certificate, Foreigner Physical Examination Form and other required documents will be verified. Those failing to submit the corresponding certificates will be disqualified from enrollment.

Visa Application

Admitted students shall take the electronic version of the admission letter and the Confirmation Form for Study in China (JW201/202) to the Chinese Embassy or Consulate abroad to apply for a study visa. International students studying in China for up to 6 months should apply for an X2 visa. Those studying for more than 6 months should apply for an X1 visa and apply for a residence permit within 30 days after arriving in China.

Fees

Type		Tuition Fee (CNY) (Year)
Degree Student	Bachelor’ s Degree	RMB 23,000 yuan
	Master’ s Degree	RMB 30,000 yuan
	Doctoral Degree	RMB 38,000 yuan
Non-degree Student	Preparatory students	RMB 15,000 yuan
	Short term training (Clinical Observation)	RMB 360 yuan every day (English) RMB 260 yuan every day (Chinese)
	Short term training (Theoretical Lectures)	RMB 450 yuan every day (English) RMB 350 yuan every day (Chinese)
Other fees		
Accommodation Fee	Double Room: RMB 4000 yuan/year/person Single Room: RMB 8000 yuan/year/person	
Medical Insurance	RMB 800 yuan/year/person. (Everyone is required to purchase insurance for studying in China)	

Scholarship

- Shandong Provincial Government Scholarship for International Students
- Study in SDUTCM Presidential Scholarship
- Shandong Provincial Government Scholarship for Jinan Sister-city
- Bian Que Scholarship of SDUTCM