Chinese Acupuncture and Women’s Health
(589733) 15 Points
Semester 2, 2012

Paper overview
This paper aims to develop safe and competent acupuncture practice when treating women clients and their specific health needs (fertility, obstetrics, gynaecology).

Programme study options
This paper is available from the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences in the following specialisation areas:
• Acupuncture

Who can study this paper?
This paper is for health professionals who will normally have completed the requirements of one of the following in a relevant field from a New Zealand tertiary institution or equivalent.
• A bachelors degree
• Professional qualification recognised by the university as being equivalent to a bachelors degree
• Evidence of professional experience deemed by the university to be equivalent to a bachelors degree
• Pre-requisites: 589731, 589734

Where entry qualifications do not meet the criteria for study at postgraduate level, completion of transitional studies may be required before the applicant is admitted to the programme.

What you can expect to learn?
This paper covers the following topics:
• Women’s physiology in the traditional Chinese context
• Gynaecology; the menstrual cycle and syndromes of menstrual dysfunction
• Fertility; female (and male)
• Obstetrics; antenatal, labour, postnatal
• Safe needling skills and treatments, including precautions and contraindications for various conditions
• Interrelationship with western medical diagnosis and treatment
• Application of previously learned knowledge skills within practice, including legal, ethical considerations and cultural safety
• Data collection and evaluation of acupuncture treatment from the perspectives of practitioner and client

What you need to study this paper?
To study this paper it is essential you have a computer, internet (broadband preferred), email access and access to a clinical practice setting.

Paper Coordinator: Dr Joan Campbell, RGON, MB, ChB, Dip Obst, MSc (Hons), BHB, Clin Acup Cert (Nanjing), PGDip (Chinese acupuncture) Dr Campbell has worked in medicine and allied fields since 1966, including as a registered nurse, medical doctor, GP obstetrician and psychologist (majoring in head injury). She also has an interest in homeopathic, nutritional and hormonal medicines.

Dr Joan Campbell is an integrative health professional and registered medical practitioner. She practices Chinese Medicine (CM), specialising in acupuncture, with an interest in CM obstetrics/fertility, gynaecology and paediatrics. She is currently a doctoral student at the Nanjing University of TCM and Auckland University. Dr Campbell has published several papers on acupuncture, along with an interactive manual “Acupuncture Channels and Points” published by Elsevier in 2008

Dates and location details
Location: Dr Campbell’s acupuncture and medical practice, 44 Green Lane East, Remuera, Auckland
Teaching Period(s): Semester 2
Online: No
Block Course: Yes
Teaching style: Interactive style. Student participation and personal growth is supported.
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How will the paper be taught?
This paper assesses the integration of knowledge and practice using a variety of interactive classroom, supervised clinic room and clinical case assignment strategies.

Classroom teaching, simulated case study activities and students working clinically with each other under supervision will provide the settings within which students will be able to contribute to their own learning process. Students are expected to participate actively in clinical casework along with completing all learning activities related to channel systems, diagnostics and the formulation of treatment plans. Students are expected to integrate findings from the literature and the practical skill of acupuncture into their existing clinical practice. AUT Online will be used to supplement class work, discussion boards and group wikis will be available for online discussion and preparation of material to be presented in class, or for formative examinations.

How much time will I need to commit to the paper?
This is dependent on your other commitments and the speed at which you learn and work, but on average a 15 point paper typically involves around 150 hours per semester of study.

What experience/qualifications will I need?
This paper requires that you have a basic working knowledge of Chinese medicine theory and philosophy including pathophysiology and diagnostics. Pre-requisites: 589731, 589734.

Do I need to be proficient on a computer?
As part of the course, we will run a support site on-line. You will need to have a working computer and an internet connection to take part in this (broadband will be ideal). You will need to know how to download files, open attachments and navigate around websites.

How will the paper be assessed?
There is one mode of assessment.
1. A summative, 5,000 word written assignment in which students will critically analyse three relevant clinical cases from their own practice.

How much does this paper cost?
15 point paper tuition fee for domestic students in 2012 is approximately NZ$1000. Additional fees for study may include; a learner services levy, student association (AUSM) fee, charges and paper activity fees. Please contact us for further information (International students email international.centre@aut.ac.nz). A specific interactive book is provided for the paper at a cost of $85+ GST.

Enrolment process
New students
Contact the Student Information Centre
Phone: 0800 AUT UNI (0800 288 864) or Email: courseinfo@aut.ac.nz

Returning students
Go online to AUTonline, https:autonline.ac.nz
a. Check paper timetable by clicking on ‘Timetable’ option
b. Then, complete ‘2012 re-enrolment form’ by clicking on ‘Forms’ option
c. Then, email us the completed form.

Enrolment and paper information
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