

FIVE BRANCHES INSTITUTE

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Five Branches Institute is an accredited college of traditional and Chinese Medicine. They offer a “Master of Traditional Chinese Medicine” degree, which takes approximately 3 ½ years to complete.

Admissions Requirements: minimum 60 semester units of general education with a minimal 2.5 GPA (obtaining an associate degree is preferable)

Five Branches Requirement

Cabrillo College Course

Communications

1 course in English Composition (3 units total)

English 1A or English 1AMC

Arts and Humanities

2 courses, each from a different department, in:
Art, Music, Theatre Arts, Literature, Language,
Philosophy, English or History (6 units total)

**Any CSU Transferable courses
from 2 different departments**

Math

At least one course College Algebra or higher
(3-5 units)

**Any CSU transferable Math
course; MATH 4-51**

Social and Behavioral Sciences

2 courses, each from a different department, from:
Political Science, Anthropology, Economics, Psychology,
Sociology, Geography, Journalism, Women’s Studies,
Bicultural Studies (6 units total)

**Any CSU Transferable courses
from 2 different departments**

Electives

(42 units total)

We recommend including the following in your electives*:

Course in Inorganic Chemistry

Chem 2, or Chem 30A

Course in Organic/Biochemistry

Chem 30B

Course in Physiology

Bio 5

Course in Anatomy

Bio 4

Course in Physics

Phys 11, or Physics 2A, or Phys 10

Course in General Biology

Bio 11A

Course in Microbiology

Bio 6

Course in Medical Terminology

MA 170A

Course in Nutrition

CAHM 20

Course introducing different health care modalities

No comparable course

Course in Chinese History & Philosophy

HIST 19B

** Please note that the minimal education requirements are 60 semester credits of GE and therefore, transferable courses such of the ones listed above in bold may not be used twice: once to fulfill the GE requirements and once again to be used as transfer credits towards the student’s MTCM degree program at Five Branches Institute. Therefore, if the student chooses to take all the above bolded courses at Cabrillo College they should end up with a total of 81 credits.*

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