

Education That Integrates East and West

The Success of the School of Post-Baccalaureate Chinese Medicine

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In May 2014, the white coat ceremony for the first session in School of Post-Baccalaureate Chinese Medicine, Tzu Chi University.

School of Post-Baccalaureate Chinese Medicine, Tzu Chi University, was established in 2012. Inheriting the tradition TCU has consolidated in the past two decades, the School has jointly appointed close to 30 faculty members in the field of Western medicine to assemble an outstanding team of educators, comparable to the Department of Medicine, who excel in biochemistry, anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, pathology and clinical medicine. As for educators in Chinese medicine, the School continues to recruit close to 30 resident and adjunct instructors from all medical schools, as well as senior physicians and department directors of Chinese medicine from all six Tzu Chi hospitals to co-instruct. The faculty lineup is superb.

To promote and develop traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) while integrating the research of contemporary biotechnology, the School of Post-Baccalaureate Chinese Medicine has established specialized classrooms: TCM concoction, acupuncture and traumatology, TCM diagnosis, and clinical skills, as well as two joint laboratories. Furthermore, TCU Botanical Garden of Chinese Herbal Medicine was established, opening to students, faculty, and off-campus guests.

The modernized teaching excellent project on TCM diagnosis aims to train our students in the operation

and application of modernized TCM diagnostic equipment, and by introducing technological diagnostic products of modernized TCM, to create the opportunity for teachers and students to embrace and develop TCM diagnostic skills and products. Through heart rate variability (HRV), meridian energy analysis system, and ANSWatch wrist patient monitor and other devices, the students of our School are not only trained in the comprehension of traditional theories of yin-yang and five elements, the concepts of acupuncture and meridian system, as well as the development of evidence-based TCM. We endeavor to train a new generation of TCM physicians who will play a vital role in the accelerated integration with the main stream medicine to form a collaborative “Chinese and Western Integrative Medicine”.

The medicinal botanical garden of our School was inaugurated on May 16th, 2015. The garden provides an educational venue for the study and supply of medicinal herbs, and offers our students a place of recuperation. This is the first medicinal botanical garden nationwide sectioned in accordance to human organs. Other peripheral sections are divided into areas for brain nourishing herbs, for refreshing herbs, for aboriginal herbs, for herbal tea, for anticancer herbs, for toxic herbs, for aromatic herbs, for folk festival herbs, for vines, and for aquatic

medicinal botany.

The first white coat ceremony for TCM students was held on May 17th 2015 by Master Cheng Yen. She handed in person a stethoscope and a acupuncture bag to each of the 44 students, encouraging them to preserve their initial inspiration, to comprehend beyond pharmacology and physiology to include patients' psychology; to be a gentle, empathetic, trustworthy physician, and a reliever of disease, a solace to the suffering.

The first class of our School performed exceptionally well. Not only did all of them passed the first stage test of TCM in the

“2014 2nd Professional and Technical Examination”, after a year of fundamental course on Chinese and Western medicine, these 44 students had been interning respectively at Hualien, Taipei, Taichung, and Dalin Tzu Chi Hospital. Our School places strong emphasis on the integration of Chinese and Western medicine. Our student interns in the Western medicine in their 4th year, and TCM in the 5th year. In future, the School of Post-Baccalaureate Chinese Medicine will further improve our administrative service system, enhance curriculum planning, and strengthen faculty lineup to train trust-worthy humane Chinese medicine doctors.



In May 2015, the commencement of the botanical garden in the Tzu Chi University campus.



Photo depicts pharmacology class running test in the botanical garden.



Students and their families visiting the medicinal botanical garden in the Tzu Chi University Campus.