



Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I find information about Financial Aid?

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Where can I find information about Loans?

NJ Class Loan: www.hesaa.org

What Veteran's programs does ESATM participate in?

The Eastern School of Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine (ESATM) is an approved facility for use by Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E), which is a specific program within the VA that provides educational and/or vocational training programs for Service members and Veterans (SM/V) with service-connected disabilities.

Where can I find information regarding Financial Aid Resources specifically for students who attend a college in NJ?

<https://lendedu.com/blog/new-jersey-student-loans-scholarships-grants/>

Where can I find information about repayment of student loans and financing my education?

<https://creditcards.usnews.com/student#2017-survey>

<https://loans.usnews.com/student-loans>

<https://loans.usnews.com/student-loans-consolidation-refinancing>

Where can I find information on Mass Transit?

www.njtransit.com

<http://www.metrojersey.com/transportation.htm>

When are Classes?

The program is a full-time, set schedule for the 3-year Masters of Science in Acupuncture. Mandatory classes are on weekends, evenings, and afternoons, students carry a minimum of 12 credits per trimester (average of about 20 hours per week depending on courses).

We do not offer a part-time or accelerated program. Class sizes are small, about 10-12 students, therefore, there is not much flexibility in the program. We are an adult learning facility, students range in age from their 20s-70s with a variety of educational and professional backgrounds. Most students have full-time obligations outside of school, and it can be challenging for students to attend the program who do not have flexibility in their work/life commitments.

Do You Offer Online Classes?

The Eastern School of Acupuncture does not offer online classes. Currently, we offer live-streamed remote didactic classes, practical and intern courses are on campus.

Does the Eastern School of Acupuncture offer an accelerated program for, chiropractors, physicians and other students in the medical field?

There is no accelerated program for acupuncture. A possibility of transfer from some of the western medical classes required by the Eastern School may occur for students depending on their academic background, however this is strictly on an individual basis and requires a current license in the individual field.

What if I do not have 4 credits in Human or General Biology?

If an applicant has 4 credits in Human or General Biology within ten years of applying with a grade of 2.0 or greater the course may be accepted as the ESATM Biology requirement unless they are a licensed health care professional* in which case the ten year requirement may be waived.

All applicants who have not taken a 4 credit Human or General Biology course may elect to CLEP their Biology or take a 4 credit course at any accredited post-secondary school **prior** to entering the acupuncture program.

Applicants also have the option of taking their Biology requirement at ESATM either **prior** to entering the program or in the year one winter trimester of full time acupuncture program matriculation at ESATM.

Applicants may take the CLEP Biology exam in lieu of taking a 4 credit Human or General Biology course. A grade of 50 or greater is mandatory to meet the educational requirement for entrance into the program.

<https://clep.collegeboard.org/>

What if I have credits from a prior institution that I would like to transfer into ESATM?

ESATM accepts western bioscience credits from accredited institutions, and acupuncture program credits from ACAHM accredited institutions. All applicants' transcripts are evaluated as part of the admissions process. Applicants can inquire about transfer credits during the application process. **Students cannot transfer credits into the MSAC program once enrolled into the program.**

When do I take my Board examinations?

Upon completion of the MSAC program graduates may take their National Board Examination.
www.nccaom.org

If you are going to practice in the state of NJ:

At the completion of the Acupuncture Program (and completion of a four year Bachelors Degree) students may take their NJ State Board Examination.

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/acu>

How long is the Program?

Acupuncture is a 3 year program. All students must complete the entire acupuncture program within 4 ½ years.

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What are the application deadlines?

FALL- July 15 (full Eastern Medical Acupuncture core curriculum)

WINTER- November 15 (Herbal Program) (full Eastern Medical Acupuncture core curriculum). (Biology Course)

SPRING- March 15 (full Eastern Medical Acupuncture core curriculum).

Does my degree/60 credits have to be in any particular field for eligibility into the program?

There is no particular field or degree requirement for credits. The Eastern School of Acupuncture has a diverse group of students from many academic backgrounds.

Does the Eastern School of Acupuncture provide student housing?

The Eastern School is basically considered a small commuter school and has many students who commute from areas up to three hours away in distance. Many of these students carpool. For students who are looking to move to an area closer to the school, please check out the following websites.

http://www.campusrent.com/new_jersey_apartments.cfm

What if I cannot attend an open house but still would like to tour the school?

The staff at Eastern School of Acupuncture provides prospective students with private, informative tours of our facility; please call 973-746-8717 x11.

Does the Eastern School of Acupuncture offer job placement?

The Eastern School of Acupuncture prides itself on a successful graduation rate, however we do not provide job placement. We do have a strong alumni association which posts job offers, office space availability etc... A variety of career opportunities are available in the acupuncture field for example: private or combined practice, hospitals, wellness/recovery centers, cruise ships and spas.

What are state regulations and standards throughout the country for Acupuncturists?

Acupuncture is regulated on a state by state basis, to find out information about states you may be interested practicing in please go to National Certification Commission of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at www.nccaom.org.

Do I have to receive any vaccinations to attend the student clinic?

All applicants under the age of 30 must submit their vaccination records when applying.

The Eastern School of Acupuncture requests that students receive a Hepatitis B vaccine; however you may sign a vaccination declination form if you do not wish to receive a vaccination.

At this time a COVID vaccination is not required to attend ESATM.

Information for Transfer Students

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The Eastern School does accept transfer credits from accredited acupuncture schools located in the United States. Credits are accepted on a case by case basis and are based on comparison to the Eastern School curriculum. Official transcripts are required to apply for the acupuncture program.

Information for Foreign Students

Does the Eastern School of Acupuncture provide student visas?

ESATM does not provide student visas.

TOEFL

English language competency must be required of all students seeking admission to the program taught in English. Students who do not have post-secondary education in the United States must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or equivalent with a score of 61.

What if My Degree is from a Country Other than the US?

You will need your transcripts evaluated from the following credential evaluation service.

World Education Service, Inc.
Bowling Green Station
PO Box 5087
New York, NY 10274-5087
Tel: 212-966-6311
WES site:
<http://www.wes.org/>

Financial Aid for Foreign students

You must be a US citizen or eligible noncitizen.

- ☐ You must have an Arrival Departure Record (I-94) from US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing one of the following designations:
 - 1. Refugee
 - 2. Asylum Granted
 - 3. Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Status Pending
 - 4. Conditional Entrant (valid only if issued before 4/1/80)
 - 5. Parolee (you must be paroled into the US for at least one year, and you must be able to prove evidence from the USCIS that you are in the US for other than a temporary purpose and intend to become a citizen or permanent resident)
- ☐ If you have only a Notice of Approval to Apply for Permanent Residence (I-171 or I-464), you are NOT eligible for federal student aid.
- ☐ If you're in the US on certain visas, including an F1 or F2 student visa, or a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa, you're NOT eligible for federal student aid.

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