

Wongu Peace and Happiness University of Oriental Medicine Opens - Jung Soon Cho

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The Wongu Peace and Happiness University (WPHU), the first school of oriental medicine in the state of Nevada, is now welcoming applications from prospective students for the upcoming Fall semester, which begins on October 1, 2012. Envisioned by Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon and unanimously approved by the State of Nevada Board of Oriental Medicine (NSBOM) on April 18, 2012, WPHU seeks to promote the living proof of the effectiveness of oriental medicine as observed through the millennia.



The Wongu Peace and Happiness University which includes three buildings with a total of approximately 65,000 sq. feet and a parking lot with 63 parking spaces.

“Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, our True Parents, have for some time sought to establish a professional graduate school of oriental medicine here in the state of Nevada,” wrote Jung Soon Cho, CEO of WPHU. “With their directive, I assembled a team based in Las Vegas since May 2011 to meet the legal, regulatory and operational requirements of such an establishment. Thanks to True Parents’ support and instructions, we have been able to secure full approval from the NSBOM on April 18, 2012.

“This school will support True Parents’ vision to improve the state of human health and wellbeing through the practice of oriental medicine, ultimately promoting peace and happiness for humanity. WPHU will produce a cadre of highly competent oriental-medical practitioners able to assist with this vision. We believe that True Parents’ presence in Las Vegas and their keen interest in this project add to the providential significance of WPHU.”

According to Cho, WPHU promulgates the following set of objectives:

- To pursue health and happiness through the practice of oriental medicine
- To become a source of competent and U.S.-educated medical professionals serving the world
- To inherit the tradition of oriental medicine pioneered by Nevada
- To provide the best training and education in Las Vegas, where state-of-the-art medical technology and expertise abound, and international conventions, including world-class exhibitions and conferences for medical professionals, occur on a yearly basis

Student Recruitment and Admission

WPHU will consider students with a four-year Bachelor's degree with, if applicable, TOEFL (PBT) scores above 500. After completing WPHU's four-year program on western medicine, acupuncture and herbal medicine, students will have amassed a total of 3,490 hours composed of 2,520 didactic hours and 980 clinical training hours. Graduates will obtain a Master's degree in Oriental Medicine with the eligibility to sit at both the national- and state-level proficiency exams. Once graduates pass both exams, they become Oriental Medicine Doctors (OMDs).

“We are anticipating a class size of 40 with yearly tuition of approximately \$15,000,” said Cho, “and are currently gathering funds and establishing guidelines to provide various resources for financial aid, including merit- and need-based scholarships.”

Cho also asks applicants to note that a school must be in operation for at least two years to be able to issue F-1 visas. As a result, only U.S. citizens, permanent residents and U.S.-visa holders can be admitted to WPHU for the time being.

The university facilities are located at 8610, 8620 and 8630 S. Eastern Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada. The property, which includes three buildings with a total of approximately 65,000 square feet and a parking lot with 63 parking spaces, is a 15-minute car ride from the Las Vegas strip and Henderson, an elite residential borough.

Common Careers in Oriental Medicine

In 1973, Nevada became the first state in North America to grant licenses to practitioners of oriental medicine. The state recognizes them OMDs, the highest recognition achievable within the field in the United States.

As OMDs, graduates of WPHU can practice in 42 states within the U.S. and will be equipped to become practitioners of acupuncture in most states within the U.S. License holders from the U.S. also qualify to practice oriental medicine in Africa and Latin America.

WPHU graduates may gain employment in the pharmaceutical, medical-instruments and cosmetic industries, providing massage therapies, and researching and consulting on diet, nutrition, stress relief, and other natural, holistic healing methods.

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