

## Our Mission

### Two Pioneering Schools, One Revolutionary Idea

The purpose of the TUSM-NESA joint program in Pain Management (PM) is to produce broad-minded, highly sophisticated pain management professionals. NESA's rigorous training combined with the extensive coursework at TUSM provides students with the expertise they need to effectively practice alongside conventional providers in an allopathic medical environment.

In addition to becoming fully competent acupuncturists, joint program graduates become highly sought-after specialists possessing a unique skill set that bridges eastern and western approaches to the complex problem of pain. Their success in the marketplace is only enhanced by the fact that no similar program exists in the world.

## Tufts University School of Medicine *Public Health & Professional Degree Programs*

## New England School of Acupuncture

### Chinese Acupuncture Studies- Pain Management Track (CAS-PM)



*Studying pain topics at Tufts brings rich, inter-professional exchange to the classroom.*

## Earn Two Master's Degrees

**Tufts University School of Medicine's Master of Science in Pain Research, Education and Policy (MS-PREP)** is the first and only multidisciplinary post-graduate pain degree program in the United States. The program offers a small, interactive environment with internationally renowned faculty to allow for optimal advanced learning.

**The New England School of Acupuncture** is the oldest school of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in the U.S. NESA trains practitioners to be effective, compassionate healers, capable of providing high-quality healthcare to the public and advancing the field of Oriental Medicine. Students earn a **Master of Acupuncture** or **Master of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Degree**.

In addition to their comprehensive training in acupuncture, NESA students choosing the **CAS-PM track** gain expertise in the multidisciplinary approach to pain management from a biological perspective. After two terms at NESA, students may begin their coursework at TUSM.

### **New England School of Acupuncture**

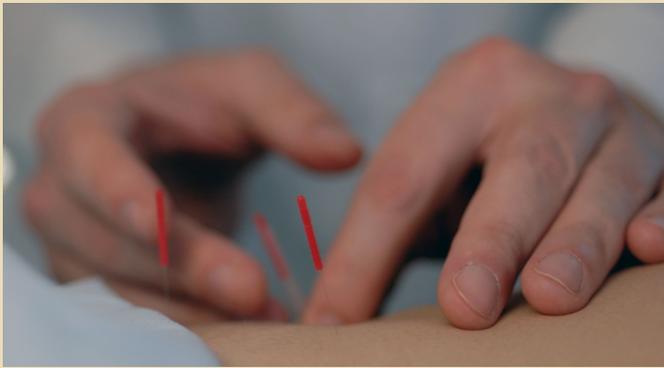
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**CAS-PM can be completed in 36 months.**

**Students earn 106 academic credits from NESAs and 9 from TUSM.**

*Due to the combined nature of the program, two TUSM credits are waived for CAS-PM students.*

## ADMISSIONS

Each school controls its own admission process and standards. The application window begins upon a student's formal acceptance to NESAs and ends on April 1 of his or her first NESAs year. NESAs students may still apply after this deadline, but in that case, completing both programs in three years is not possible.

Students who exclusively take evening courses at NESAs may find it impractical to enroll in the joint program since all MS-PREP courses are taught in the evening. Students are encouraged to work with both institutions to create an individualized course schedule.

As both NESAs and TUSM are independent institutions, graduates will receive two separate Master's diplomas from each institution.

## CURRICULUM

The curriculum is structured so that students in the CAS-PM track can complete all requirements during the three years they are enrolled at NESAs. However, students may choose to take an additional year to complete their TUSM coursework if desired. NESAs students must complete all basic science requirements plus the fall and spring terms in their first year before beginning their coursework at TUSM. Under special circumstances, it may be possible for selected students who have fulfilled their basic science requirements to begin work at TUSM before completing their spring term at NESAs.

Students enrolled in other NESAs programs - Japanese Acupuncture Studies (JAS), Chinese Herbal Medicine (CHM), or Dual track (JAS & CHM) may also enroll in the MS-PREP program. For these programs, the required number of NESAs credits will be higher than the CAS-PM track but the TUSM credit requirement will remain at nine. For these programs, students may take up to five years to complete their studies at TUSM.

## PM CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

NESAs students may also choose to enroll in TUSM's Certificate of Advanced Studies in Pain Topics (C-PREP) program. Five credits of coursework are required (three core courses and two electives).

Students who enroll in the certificate program are eligible to apply to the MS-PREP program at any time. Certificate students must fulfill the requirements of a standard NESAs degree program (i.e. JAS, CHM or Dual) to earn their NESAs degree.

For additional information on the C-PREP program, visit:  
[tufts.edu/med/prep/certificateprogram](http://tufts.edu/med/prep/certificateprogram).

## MS-PREP COURSES

**Introduction to Epidemiology and Biostatistics**

**Neuroanatomy, Neurochemistry & Pharmacology**

**Introduction to Clinical Pain Problems**

**Ethical and Sociocultural Aspects of Pain**

**Palliative Care and End of Life Issues**

**Public Policy, Legislative and Forensic Issues**

**Psychological Evaluation and Treatment of Pain**

**Medical Acupuncture**

**Capstone Project**

**1 elective credit**