

So you want to be an ... Acupuncturist

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Qualifications

Aspiring acupuncturists need a qualification in acupuncture or Chinese medicine. The University of Technology, Sydney and University of Western Sydney both have four-year degrees. Courses are also available through private colleges.

Average earnings

New graduates who are employed in an established practice can expect to earn between \$35,000 and \$45,000 a year. Experienced acupuncturists with a solid client base can earn \$100,000 or more.

Job availability

Acupuncture is a growing profession, with 1800 practitioners currently registered in Australia. Most are employed in private practice but some acupuncturists work alongside general practitioners and psychologists in multi-disciplinary medical centres. Strong jobs growth is expected in the next five years.

Further information

The [Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association](http://www.acupuncture.org.au) have information about recognised courses. See www.acupuncture.org.au.