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California Acupuncture Board

Foreign Equivalency Curriculum Requirement Form:

This form is for students who graduated from a foreign training program.
 (California Code of Regulations 1399.416 and 1399.434)
 (Form must be Typed or Printed in Ink)

Student's Name:
Foreign School:

Date of Educational Training	
Academic Years – Dates attended	

Summary of Curriculum Hours of Criterion		
Criteria for Approval of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Training Program	Minimum Class Hours Required	Total Hours Completed
Basic Sciences (Items (a. 1 - 8))	350	
Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Principles and Theories. (Items (b. 1. A – H) Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Treatment (Items b. 2. A – M)	1255	
Clinical Medicine, Patient Assessment and Diagnosis (Items c. 1 – 11)	240	
Case Management (Items d. 1 – 12)	90	
Practice Management (Items e. 1 – 9)	45	
Public Health (Items f 1 – 5)	40	
Professional Development (Items g. 1 – 4)	30	
Clinical Practice (Items h. 1 – 3)	950	

 Name (print or type)

 Signature

 Date

Instructions: Provide the course title and hours awarded for the course you took that meets the Acupuncture Board's requirement.

Basic Sciences 1399.434 1-8	Your School's Course Title	Hours Awarded
1. General Biology		
2. Chemistry –including Organic and biochemistry.		
3. General Physics –including a general survey of biophysics		
4. General Psychology – including counseling skills		
5. Anatomy – a survey of microscopic, gross anatomy and neuroanatomy		
6. Physiology – a survey of basic physiology, including neurophysiology, endocrinology, and neurochemistry		
7. Pathology – a survey of the nature of disease and illness, including microbiology, immunology, psychopathology, and epidemiology		
8. Nutrition and Vitamins		
minimum 350 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items a. 1 – 8)	

Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Principles and Theories. (Items (b. 1. A – H) Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Treatment. (Items b. 2. A – M)	Your School's Course Title	Hours Awarded
1. (A) Oriental Medicine Principles and Theory;		
1.(B) Acupuncture Principles and Theory;		
1.(C) Oriental Massage (e.g., Tui Na or Shiatsu) Principles and Theories;		
1.(D) Chinese Herbal Medicine Principles and Theory, including relevant botany concepts. This subject area shall consist of at least 450 hours of instruction;		
1.(E) Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Diagnosis;		
1.(F) Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Specialties, including dermatology, gynecology, pediatrics, ophthalmology, orthopedics, internal medicine, geriatrics, family medicine, traumatology and emergency care;		
1. G) Classical acupuncture and Oriental medicine literature, including Jin Gui, Wen Bing/Shang Han, Nei Jing;		
1. (H) Modern acupuncture and Oriental medicine literature;		
2.(A) Integrated acupuncture and Oriental medicine diagnostic and treatment procedures;		
2.(B) Acupuncture techniques and treatment procedures, including electro acupuncture;		
2.(C) Oriental massage (e.g., Tui Na or Shiatsu), acupressure and other techniques utilizing manual therapy and mechanical devices;		

2.(D) Exercise Therapy, including breathing, qi gong and tai ji quan;		
2.(E) Herbal prescription, counseling and preparation;		
2.(F) Oriental and Western clinical and medical nutrition, dietary and supplement prescription and counseling;		
2.(G) Cold and heat therapy, including moxibustion and ultrasound;		
2.(H) Lifestyle counseling, and self-care recommendations;		
2.(I) Adjunctive acupuncture procedures, including bleeding, cupping, gua sha, and dermal tacks;		
2.(J) Acupuncture micro therapies, including auricular and scalp therapy;		
2. (K) Hygienic standards, including clean needle techniques. The clean needle technique portion of this subject shall use as its primary reference the most current edition of the "Clean Needle Technique Manual" published by the National Acupuncture Foundation, or an equivalent standard which has been approved by the Board. Students shall successfully complete the clean needle technique portion of the hygienic standards subject prior to performing any needling techniques on human beings;		
2. (L) Equipment maintenance and safety;		
2. (M) Adjunctive acupoint stimulation devices, including magnets and beads;		
minimum 1255 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items b. 1. A – H and b. 2. A – M)	

Clinical Medicine, Patient Assessment and Diagnosis (Items C 1-11)	Your School's Course Title	Hours Awarded
C. 1) Comprehensive history taking;		
C. (2) Standard physical examination and assessment, including neuromusculoskeletal, orthopedic, neurological, abdominal, and ear, nose and throat examinations, and functional assessment;		
C. (3) Pharmacological assessment, emphasizing side-effects and herb-drug interactions;		
C. (4) Patient/practitioner rapport, communication skills, including multicultural sensitivity;		
C. (5) Procedures for ordering diagnostic imaging, radiological, and laboratory tests and incorporating the resulting data and reports;		
C. (6) Clinical reasoning and problem solving;		
C. (7) Clinical impressions and the formation of a working diagnosis, including acupuncture and Oriental medicine diagnoses, and the World Health Organization's international classification of diseases (ICD-9);		
C. (8) Awareness of at-risk populations, including gender, age, indigent, and disease specific patients;		
C. (9) Standard medical terminology;		
C. (10) Clinical sciences—a review of internal medicine, pharmacology, neurology, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, urology, radiology, nutrition and public health;		

C. (11) Clinical medicine—a survey of the clinical practice of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, psychology, nursing, chiropractic, podiatry, naturopathy, and homeopathy to familiarize practitioners with the practices of other health care practitioners;		
minimum 240 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items C 1-11)	

Case Management (Items d. 1 - 12)	Your School's Course Title	Hours Awarded
D. (1) Primary care responsibilities;		
D. (2) Secondary and specialty care responsibilities;		
D. (3) Psychosocial assessment;		
D. (4) Treatment contraindications and complications, including drug and herb interactions;		
D. (5) Treatment planning, continuity of care, referral, and collaboration;		
D. (6) Follow-up care, final review, and functional outcome measurements;		
D. (7) Prognosis and future medical care;		
D. (8) Case management for injured workers and socialized medicine patients, including a knowledge of workers compensation/labor codes and procedures and qualified medical evaluations;		
D. (9) Coding procedures for current procedural codes, including (CPT) and ICD-9 diagnoses;		

D. (10) Medical-legal report writing, expert medical testimony, and independent medical review;		
D. (11) Special care/seriously ill patients;		
D. (12) Emergency procedures;		
minimum 90 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items d. 1 - 12)	

Practice Management (Items e. 1 - 9)	Your School's Course Title	Hours Awarded
E. (1) Record keeping, insurance billing and collection;		
E. (2) Business written Communication;		
E. (3) Knowledge of regulatory compliance and jurisprudence (municipal, California, and federal laws, including OSHA, Labor Code, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA));		
E. (4) Front office procedures;		
E. (5) Planning and establishing a professional office;		
E. (6) Practice growth and development;		
E. (7) Ability to practice in interdisciplinary medical settings including hospitals;		
E. (8) Risk management and insurance issues;		
E. (9) Ethics and peer review;		
minimum 45 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items e. 1 - 9)	

Public Health (Items f. 1-5)	Your School's Course Title	Hours Awarded
F. (1) Public and community health and disease prevention;		
F. (2) Public health education;		
F. (3) A minimum of eight (8) hours in first-aid and adult/child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other organization with an equivalent course approved by the board;		
F. (4) Treatment of chemical dependency;		
F. (5) Communicable disease, public health alerts, and epidemiology;		
minimum 40 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items f. 1 – 5)	

Professional Development (Items g. 1- 4)	Your School's Course Title	Hours Awarded
G. (1) Research and evidence based medicine;		
G. (2) Knowledge of academic peer review process;		
G. (3) Knowledge and critique of research methods;		
G. (4) History of medicine;		
minimum 30 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items G. 1 – 4)	

Clinical Practice (Items h 1-3)	Your School's Course Title	Hours Awarded
H. 1) Practice Observation (minimum 150 hours)--supervised observation of the clinical practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine with case presentations and discussion;		
H. (2) Diagnosis and evaluation (minimum 275 hours)--the application of Eastern and Western diagnostic procedures in evaluating patients;		
H. (3) Supervised practice (minimum 275 hours)--the clinical treatment of patients with acupuncture and oriental medicine treatment modalities listed in the Business and Professions Code section 4927(d) and 4937(b).		
Minimum 950 hours	TOTAL HOURS (Items h 1-3)	