



MEMORANDUM

DATE	February 22, 2011
TO	Acupuncture Board Members
FROM	Benjamin Bodea, Education Coordinator Janelle Wedge, Executive Officer
SUBJECT	School Site Visit & Application Review: Golden State University (GSU), Master of Science in Oriental Medicine (MSOM) Program

On February 2, 2011, Janelle Wedge and Benjamin Bodea conducted a site visit of Golden State University (GSU), which is located at 9047 E. Florence Avenue, #L, Downey, CA.

Prior to the on-site visit, staff conducted extensive reviews of the school's application and supplemental materials including course outlines, faculty resumes, school catalog, and financial summaries. The on-site visit consisted of the following:

- Tour of the facility
- Review of student and faculty files
- Tour and review of clinic
- Interview with GSU President and Director Sunny Kim.

School History and Facility Information

Golden State University, Inc. was incorporated on June 23, 2008. The school enrolled its first student on July 2006.

GSU received initial approval to grant degrees from the former Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education in April 2006 and has applied to the new Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education for school approval and is awaiting their approval.

The school's facilities take up approximately 2,000 square feet (800 sq. ft. for the clinic and 1,200 sq. ft. for the classroom and library). The facilities include 2 classrooms with each room seating approximately 10 people, library, 3 small clinic rooms, an herb dispensary, a reception area, and an administrative offices.

The clinic rooms are very small and each has space for one treatment bed. All of the treatment rooms do contain appropriate disposal containers for biohazard and sharps waste disposal. However, none of the treatment rooms have sinks with hot and cold running water but there is a restroom down the hall with hot and cold running water. During our tour of the clinic, Ms. Kim indicated that she is the only acupuncturist currently in practice there, and hers is the only license we saw displayed in the clinic.

The library is housed near the classrooms and houses approximately 203 books and journal volumes.

The school has an herb dispensary in the clinic area with approximately 250 individual herbs.

Admission Requirements & Student Population

The school currently has four students enrolled in the MSOM program. During the site visit all student files were carefully reviewed and appeared to contain all required documents.

Program Curriculum

GSU operates on a quarter system and grants a Master of Science in Oriental Medicine upon successful completion of the program. The program's required curriculum includes 2,250 hours of didactic training, and 960 hours of clinical training for a total requirement of 3,210 hours. GSU's curriculum complies with the Board regulations in hours and content area. GSU's program is only offered in the Korean language.

Faculty

GSU currently has 6 faculty members employed for this quarter and employment agreements with several others for future employment. In general, all faculty members appear qualified for the courses they instruct.

Finances

GSU has listed their major income source is from the operation of their clinic. The Board was not provided with actual audited financial statements, however, GSU states that the clinic brought in over \$78,000 in three quarters in 2009 with tuition only generating approximately \$4,000 in the same period. Currently students are only paying half tuition until such time as the school receives approval. During our site visit we were informed that the clinic only sees approximately 3 patients a day.

Conclusions

GSU is an extremely small school with not a lot of room for expansion.