

**Department of Consumer Affairs  
California Acupuncture Board**

**APPLICATION FOR  
BOARD APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM**



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**SECTION A – GENERAL INFORMATION**

APPLICATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS OF PHYSICAL LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL CAMPUS:**

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL FAX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)**

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME AND TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON**

CONTACT PERSON NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**PROGRAM REQUESTED FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM**

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## SECTION B: COURSE-BY-COURSE LIST OF REQUIRED CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM for \_\_\_\_\_ ACADEMIC YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Section 1399.434 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations:

To be approved by the Board, an acupuncture and Oriental medicine educational and training curriculum shall consist of at least 2,050 hours of didactic and laboratory training and at least 950 hours of supervised clinical instruction. The curriculum shall include the following coursework that contains the following criteria:

Acupuncture Board Requirement	COURSE NUMBER (per school catalog)	CLOCK HOUR	COURSE UNIT
<b>(a) Basic Sciences .....350 hours</b>			
(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 and Pathophysiology—a survey of the nature of disease and illness, including microbiology, immunology, psychopathology, and epidemiology;			
(8) Nutrition and vitamins.			

TOTAL CLOCK HOURS \_\_\_\_\_

Acupuncture Board Requirement	COURSE NUMBER (per school catalog)	CLOCK HOUR	COURSE UNIT
<b>(b) Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Principles, Theories and Treatment....1,255 Hours</b>			
<b>(1) Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Principles and Theories</b>			
(A) Oriental Medicine Principles and Theory;			
(B) Acupuncture Principles and Theory;			
(C) Oriental Massage (Tui Na or Shiatsu) Principles and Theory;			

(D) Chinese Herbal Medicine Principles and Theory, including relevant botany concepts (This subject area shall consist of at least 450 hours of instruction);			
(E) Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Diagnosis;			
(F) Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Specialties, including dermatology, gynecology, pediatrics, ophthalmology, orthopedics, internal medicine, geriatrics, family medicine, traumatology, and emergency care;			

(G) Classical acupuncture and Oriental medicine literature, including Jin Gui, Wen Bing/Shang Han, Nei Jing;			
(H) Modern acupuncture and Oriental medicine literature.			
<b>(2) Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Treatment</b>			
(A) Integrated acupuncture and Oriental medicine diagnostic and treatment procedures;			
(B) Acupuncture techniques and treatment procedures, including electroacupuncture;			
(C) Oriental massage (e.g., Tui Na or Shiatsu), acupressure and other techniques utilizing manual therapy and mechanical devices;			
(D) Exercise therapy, including breathing, qi gong and taiji quan;			
(E) Herbal prescription, counseling and preparation;			
(F) Oriental and Western clinical and medical nutrition, dietary and supplement prescription and counseling;			
(G) Cold and heat therapy, including moxibustion and ultrasound;			
(H) Lifestyle counseling, and self-care recommendations			
(I) Adjunctive acupuncture procedures, including bleeding, cupping, gua sha, and dermal tacks;			
(J) Acupuncture micro therapies, including auricular and scalp therapy;			
(K) Hygienic standards, including clean needle techniques. The clean needle technique portion of this subject shall use the "Clean Needle Technique Manual 7th Edition" (rev. January 2016), published by the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Students shall successfully complete the clean needle technique portion of the hygienic standards subject prior to performing any needling techniques on human beings;			
(L) Equipment maintenance and safety;			
(M) Adjunctive acupoint stimulation devices, including magnets and beads.			

**TOTAL CLOCK HOURS** \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>(c) Clinical Medicine, Patient Assessment and Diagnosis..... 240 hours</b>			
(1) Comprehensive history taking;			
(2) Standard physical examination and assessment, including neuromusculoskeletal, orthopedic, neurological, abdominal, and ear, nose and throat examinations, and functional assessment;			
(3) Pharmacological assessment, emphasizing side-effects and herb-drug interactions;			
(4) Patient/practitioner rapport, communication skills, including multicultural sensitivity;			
(5) Procedures for ordering diagnostic imaging, radiological, and laboratory tests and incorporation the resulting data and reports;			
(6) Clinical reasoning and problem solving;			
(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-10);			
(8) Awareness of at-risk populations, including gender, age, indigent, and disease specific patients;			
(9) Standard medical terminology;			
(10) Clinical sciences—a review of internal medicine, pharmacology, neurology, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, urology, radiology, nutrition and public health;			
(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 with the practices of other health care practitioners.			

**TOTAL CLOCK HOURS** \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>(d) Case Management.....90 hours</b>			
(1) Primary care responsibilities;			
(2) Secondary and specialty care responsibilities;			
(3) Psychosocial assessment;			
(4) Treatment contraindications and complications, including drug and herb interactions;			
(5) Treatment planning, continuity of care, referral, and collaboration;			
(6) Follow-up care, final review, and functional outcome measurements;			
(7) Prognosis and future medical care;			
(8) Case management for injured workers and socialized medicine patients, including a knowledge of workers compensation/labor codes and procedures and qualified medical evaluations;			
(9) Coding procedures for current procedural and diagnostic codes, including Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) diagnostic codes;			
(10) Medical-legal report writing, expert medical testimony, and independent medical review;			
(11) Special care/seriously ill patients;			
(12) Emergency procedures.			

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<b>(e) Practice Management.....45 hours</b>			
(1) Record keeping, insurance billing and collection;			
(2) Business written communication;			
(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);			
(4) Front office procedures;			
(5) Planning and establishing a professional office;			
(6) Practice growth and development;			
(7) Ability to practice in interdisciplinary medical settings including hospitals;			
(8) Risk management and insurance issues;			
(9) Ethics and peer review.			

**TOTAL CLOCK HOURS** \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>(f) Public Health.....40 hours</b>			
(1) Public and community health and disease prevention;			
(2) Public health education;			
(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;			
(4) Treatment of chemical dependency;			
(5) Communicable disease, public health alerts, and epidemiology.			

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<b>(g) Professional Development</b> ..... <b>30 hours</b>			
(1) Research and evidence based medicine;			
(2) Knowledge of academic peer review process;			
(3) Knowledge and critique of research methods;			
(4) History of medicine.			

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<b>(h) Clinical Practice</b> ..... <b>950 hours</b>			
(1) Practice Observation (minimum 150 hours)—supervised observation of the clinical practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine with case presentations and discussion;			
(2) Diagnosis and evaluation (minimum 275 hours)—the application of Eastern and Western diagnostic procedures in evaluating patients;			
(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).			

**TOTAL CLOCK HOURS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PROGRAM CLOCK HOURS** \_\_\_\_\_









**SECTION D – COPY OF ALL COURSE SYLLABI**

PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF THE SYLLABUS FOR EACH COURSE LISTED IN SECTION B AND C OF THE APPLICATION.

**SECTION E - CURRENT COURSE CATALOG**

HYPERLINK TO CURRENT COURSE CATALOG\*:

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\*If your school's current course catalog is not on your webpage, please attach a hard-copy with your submission.