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California Acupuncture Board

Foreign Equivalency Curriculum Requirement Form:

This form is for students who enrolled in a foreign training program prior to Jan. 1, 2005.
 (California Code of Regulations 1399.416 and 1399.436)
 (Form must be Typed or Printed in Ink)

Student's Name:
Foreign School:

Date of Educational Training	
Academic Years	
# of Semesters/ Quarters/ Trimesters	

Summary of Curriculum Hours of Criterion		
Criteria for Approval of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Training Program	Minimum Class Hours Required	Total Hours Completed
Western Sciences (Items (a. 1 - 8))	400	
History of Medicine & Medical Terminology (Items (a. 9 - 10))	30	
Clinical Sciences, Clinical Medicine, Western Pharmacology & CPR (Items (a. 11 - 14))	128	
Traditional Oriental Medicine (Items (a. 15 - 20))	660	
Traditional Oriental Herbology (Item (a. 21))	300	
Practice Management – Instruction in the legal and ethical aspects of maintaining a professional practice. Ethics related to the practice of Acupuncture (Items (a. 22 - 23))	30	
Clinical Training (Items (b. 1 - 3))	800	

 Name of person completing form

 Signature of person completing form

Western Sciences 1399.436	Your School's Course Number & 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 400 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items a. 1 – 8)	

History of Medicine & Medical Terminology	Your School's Course Number & Course Title	Awarded
9. History of Medicine – a survey of medical history, including transcultural healing practices		
10. Medical terminology – fundamentals of English language medical terminology		
minimum 30 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items a. 9 – 10)	

Clinical Sciences, Clinical Medicine, Western Pharmacology & CPR	Your School's Course Number & Course Title	Hours Awarded
11. Clinical sciences – a review of internal medicine, pharmacology, neurology, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, urology, radiology, nutrition, and public health.		
12. Clinical medicine – a survey of clinical practice of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, psychology, nursing, chiropractic, podiatry, and homeopathy to familiarize practitioners with the practices of other health care practitioners.		
13. Western pharmacology.		
14. A minimum of eight (8) hours in a certified course offering first-aid and adult/child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Such course shall be taken from the American Red Cross, or American Heart Association. Online courses not accepted.		
minimum 128 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items a. 11 – 14)	

Traditional Oriental Medicine	Your School's Course Number & Course Title	Awarded
15. Traditional Oriental Medicine – a survey of the theory and practice of traditional diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.		
16. Acupuncture anatomy and physiology—fundamentals of acupuncture, including the meridian system, special and extra loci, and auriculotherapy.		

<p>17. Acupuncture techniques— instruction in the use of needling techniques, moxibustion, and electroacupuncture, including contraindication and complications.</p> <p>Clean Needle Technique Certificate: IMPORTANT: Clean Needle Technique certificates must come directly to the Acupuncture Board from: (1.) Board Approved School/Training Program or (2). the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.</p> <p><i>Coursework shall also include instruction in the requirements of single use needles set forth in section 1399.454. Students shall either (1) successfully complete a course which requires a student to pass an examination in clean needle technique, taught at a board approved school that uses as its primary reference the most current edition of the “Clean Needle Technique Manual” published by the National Acupuncture Foundation, or (2) successfully complete a Clean Needle Technique course administered by the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.</i></p>		
<p>18. Acupressure.</p>		
<p>19. Breathing Techniques – introductory course in QiGong.</p>		
<p>20. Traditional Oriental Exercise— introductory course in Tai Chi Chuan.</p>		
<p>minimum 660 hours required</p>	<p>TOTAL HOURS (Items a. 15 – 20)</p>	

Oriental Herbology	Your School's Course Number & Course Title	Hours Awarded
21. Traditional Oriental herbology including botany – a portion of the hours shall be given in the clinical setting.		
minimum 300 hours required		TOTAL HOURS (Item a. 21)

Practice Management and Ethics	Your School's Course Number & Course Title	Hours Awarded
22. Practice Management – instruction in the legal and ethical aspects of maintaining a professional practice, including record keeping, professional liability, patient accounts, and referral procedures.		
23. Ethics relating to the practice of acupuncture.		
minimum 30 hours required		TOTAL HOURS (Items (a. 22 – 23)

Clinical Training	Your School's Course Number & Course Title	Hours Awarded
1. Practice observation – supervised observation of the clinical practice of acupuncture with case presentations and discussions.		
2. Diagnosis and evaluation – the application of Eastern and Western diagnostic procedures in evaluating patients.		
3. Supervised Practice – the clinical treatment of a patient with acupuncture		
minimum 800 hours required	TOTAL HOURS (Items b 1-3)	