

GUIDELINES FOR Traditional Chinese Medicine LICENSURE WITHIN DHCC

Licensure:

In addition to licensure requirements as per the “Application for Traditional Chinese Medicine License”, each licensure applicant must meet all of the following education and training per category:

For Doctor of Medicine with the Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM) specialty of Traditional Chinese Medicine Licensure

- a) Active medical license to practice medicine in DHCC and be current in certification from DHCC for emergency medical procedures; **AND**
- b) At least 360 hours of formal training in Traditional Chinese Medicine in a recognized Traditional Chinese Medicine educational institution with certification of having successfully completed the program; **AND**
- c) The educational program shall include at least 40 hours of clinical curriculum that offers both clinical instruction and direct patient contact in the application of principles and techniques of Traditional Chinese medicine including diagnosis, acupuncture, moxibustion etc; **AND**
- d) At least 3 years full time experience practicing Traditional Chinese Medicine; **AND**
- e) Applicants may be required to have a personal interview.

For Doctor of CAM in the specialty of Traditional Chinese Medicine Licensure

- a) Active medical license to practice medicine in DHCC and be current in certification from DHCC for emergency medical procedures; **AND**
- b) At least 150 hours of formal training in Acupuncture in a recognized Acupuncture educational institution with certification of having successfully completed the program; **AND**
- c) The program shall include clinical instruction and direct patient contact in acupuncture and moxibustion; **AND**
- d) At least 3 years full time experience practicing Acupuncture; **AND**
- e) Applicants may be required to have a personal interview.

For Associate Doctor of CAM in the specialty of Traditional Chinese Medicine Licensure

- a) Bachelor's degree in Traditional Chinese Medicine from a recognized and accredited University, or a general Bachelor's degree from a recognized and accredited University; **AND**
- b) The applicant will have graduated from a recognized Traditional Chinese Medicine education program (see list of recognized training programs and associations below) ; **AND**
- c) The institution that offers the Traditional Chinese Medicine education program shall be accredited as an institution of higher education by the country in which it is based; **AND**
- d) The program shall be comprised of a full-time didactic curriculum in basic sciences and supervised clinical training in Traditional Chinese Medicine. This program should be no less than 2,400 clock hours of classes (over 4 academic years) which includes a minimum of approximately 1,100 hours of didactic education in Traditional Chinese; **AND**
- e) The clinical part of the educational program should include at least approximately 900 hours of supervised clinical practice, instruction and observation in the following areas: the observation of and assistance in the application of principles and techniques of Traditional Chinese medicine including diagnosis, acupuncture moxibustion, manual therapy/physical medicine, diet and nutrition, and the prescription of Traditional Chinese herbal medicine; and a minimum of 400 hours of actual treatment in which the student is required to perform complete treatment as the primary student practitioner; **AND**
- f) Any qualified person who has graduated from a recognized Traditional Chinese Medicine training program as outlined above must also be licensed in the countries of practice, current in certification from DHCC for emergency medical procedures (e.g. cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)); **AND**
- g) Full-time Traditional Chinese Medicine practice experience of at least 5 years; **AND**
- h) Applicants must have a personal interview.

For Traditional Chinese Medicine Assistant Licensure

- a) Requirements “a” through “f” of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner licensure; **AND**
- b) Applicants must have a personal interview.

Please note: After 5 years completion of full-time practice as an Associate Doctor of CAM in the specialty of Traditional Chinese Medicine, that may include full-time practice experience as a licensed Traditional Chinese Medicine professional in another country, and with the recommendation of a Doctor of Medicine with the CAM specialty of Traditional Chinese Medicine or a Doctor of CAM in the specialty of Traditional Chinese Medicine with whom they have been affiliated; they may apply for a license as a Doctor of CAM in the specialty of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Recognized Training Programs and Associations

- a) American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (www.medicalacupuncture.org)
- b) National Certification Committee for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (www.nccaom.org) – United States
- c) Artz for Natur Heilverfahung - Germany
- d) Acupuncture Society (<http://www.acupuncturesociety.org>) - United Kingdom
- e) Japan Society of Acupuncture and Moxibustion
- f) Japan Society for Oriental Medicine
- g) Korean Society of Acupuncture and Moxibustion
- h) Korean Oriental Medicine Society
- i) Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Society
- j) ETCMA - European Traditional Chinese Medicine Association
- k) The Canadian Society of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture

Re- License

- a) Continuous Education requirement of thirty (30) accredited hours within the last two (2) years. Of these 30 hours, 20 hours shall be in the area of Traditional Chinese Medicine and 10 shall be in the area of general medicine.

Please note: Evidence of malpractice insurance is required before a license can be issued, make sure to provide the licensing department with a copy of your insurance policy whenever applicable.

For further information on the licensing procedure please contact:

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