

ACAHM Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine

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Related Commission Policies: [Glossary](#); [Comprehensive Accreditation Standards and Criteria](#)

References:

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Background:

ACAHM's [comprehensive standards and criteria for accreditation](#), specifically Standard 8: FACULTY AND GUEST LECTURERS, describe the requirements related to instructors for ACAHM-accreditable programs. [ACAHM's Glossary](#) defines *Core Faculty*, *Faculty*, and *Guest Lecturers*. Any individuals teaching in an ACAHM-accreditable program who do not explicitly meet ACAHM's definitions for core faculty or faculty are considered guest lecturers.

Individual criteria of Standard 8 specify components that apply to each category of instructor.

Institutional/programmatic publications and advertising must clearly and accurately differentiate core faculty, faculty, and guest lecturers to comply with the requirements outlined under Standard 10: PUBLICATIONS AND ADVERTISING.

Revision History

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