

[DRAFT PROPOSAL]

Graduate Certificate in East Asian Medical Bodywork

Criterion 5.02: ADMISSIONS

[consistent with current requirements for master's level and graduate certificate programs]

PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS

MASTER'S LEVEL AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The admissions criteria for the **certificate in East Asian medical bodywork** program must include the satisfactory completion of at least two (2) years of undergraduate-level education (defined as 60 semester credits or 90 quarter credits) from an institution accredited or pre-accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. In considering the acceptance of education and training obtained in foreign countries, credits earned at a foreign educational institution must be validated by a recognized educational credentials evaluation service.

Criterion 5.03: TRANSFER CREDIT/TRANSFER STUDENTS

[consistent with language for entry-level programs]

MASTER'S LEVEL, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE, AND PROFESSIONAL DOCTORAL [DAc] PROGRAMS

Subject to relevant state regulations and licensing agency rules, applicants may receive transfer credit for up to 50% of the total program credit requirements. Of that 50%, no more than 25% of the program clinical training requirements may be accepted as transfer credit.

Criterion 7.02: MINIMUM PROGRAM LENGTH, CREDITS AND HOURS

PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS

These credit requirements are over and above the credits required for admission to the certificate program and must meet ACAHM credit related definitions.

Professional **Certificate in East Asian medical bodywork** programs must:

1. be at least one (1) academic year in length.
2. be a minimum of 18 semester credits of instruction, including at least:
 - a) 100 clock hours of instruction in East Asian medical theory, diagnosis, and related studies.
 - b) 100 clock hours of instruction in East Asian medical bodywork techniques and related treatment modalities.

- c) 90 clock hours of instruction in clinical training (see *criterion 7.05*).
- d) 150 clock hours of instruction in biomedical clinical sciences.
- e) 60 clock hours of instruction in communication, ethics, and practice management.

| Criterion 7.04: PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES | |
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| <i>References:</i> | CCAHM Clean Needle Technique Manual |

PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS

ALL PROGRAMS

The program must adopt and implement a curriculum that reflects the attainment of the program learning outcomes and the achievement of all relevant required professional competencies, as outlined by this criterion.

EAST ASIAN MEDICAL BODYWORK CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Note that many of the competencies may be addressed via education completed in entry-level programs prior to, or concurrent with, enrollment in the East Asian medical bodywork certificate program, and not within the program curriculum itself.

PATIENT CARE COMPETENCIES

Patient Care Domain 1: FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The student must demonstrate the ability to acquire and utilize the knowledge of basic principles of East Asian medicine, modes of diagnosis, and treatment strategies in the care of patients.

Patient Care Domain 2: CRITICAL THINKING/PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT

The student must demonstrate the ability to:

- A. engage in good judgment that relies on knowledge and experience, is sensitive to context, and is self-correcting.
- B. apply critical thinking skills, professional judgment, and cultural sensitivity to patient health care concerns.
- C. document and support treatment choices.
- D. identify, locate, and assess appropriate sources of information to support professional judgment and the analysis of clinical courses of action.

Patient Care Domain 3: HISTORY TAKING AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The student must demonstrate the ability to:

- A. provide a comfortable, safe environment for history taking and the patient examination.
- B. conduct and appropriately document a health history and a relevant physical examination.
- C. recognize clinical signs and symptoms that warrant referral to, or collaborative care with, other health professionals.

Patient Care Domain 4: EAST ASIAN MEDICINE-BASED DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT PLANNING

The student must demonstrate the ability to:

- A. collect and organize relevant data to facilitate the development of an East Asian medicine-based diagnosis.
- B. describe the biomedical pathophysiological process responsible for the patient's clinical presentation.
- C. describe common diagnostic imaging tests such as medical radiology (X-rays), magnetic resonance imaging tests (MRI), computed tomography scans (CT), and ultrasound.
- D. interpret objective and subjective data from the assessment of the patient and relevant reported findings from laboratory or diagnostic imaging tests to formulate a diagnosis and treatment plan pursuant to East Asian medicine principles and theory.
- E. explain the subjective and objective findings that warrant consultation with or referral to other health care providers.

Patient Care Domain 5: CASE MANAGEMENT

The student must demonstrate the ability to:

- A. describe the role of the patient in successful treatment outcomes.
- B. demonstrate awareness of and familiarity with cultural competency, and how cultural issues influence a bodywork session and case management.
- C. collaborate with the patient to develop short, medium, and long-term treatment plans.
- D. modify plans consistent with changes in the patient's condition.
- E. assess patient outcomes.
- F. manage inappropriate patient behavior.

- G. educate patients about behaviors and lifestyle choices that create a balanced life and promote health and wellness.
- H. provide a report of findings and health care plan to the patient.
- J. create reports and professional correspondence relevant to the care of patients.

Patient Care Domain 6: EAST ASIAN MEDICINE-BASED TREATMENT

The student must demonstrate the ability to:

- A. explain the fundamental theory underlying the application of East Asian medical bodywork.
- B. utilize East Asian medical bodywork techniques and theory to treat conditions such as acute pain, chronic pain, musculoskeletal conditions, and internal conditions.
- C. integrate East Asian medical bodywork techniques and principles into an East Asian medicine-based treatment plan.
- D. administer East Asian medicine-based bodywork treatment and use treatment equipment consistent with relevant recognized safety guidelines, including the best practices for safety and related procedures described in the *Clean Needle Technique (CNT) Manual* (see *CCAHM Clean Needle Technique Manual* specifically referenced and incorporated herein), and OSHA protocols.
- E. recognize potential adverse events for each clinical procedure, including, but not limited to, healthcare associated infections.
- F. describe safety considerations and guidelines to prevent adverse events for each clinical procedure.
- G. describe contraindications for the application of East Asian medical bodywork.
- H. describe state and federal regulations relevant to the practice of bodywork, if applicable, including scope of practice and appropriate mechanisms for the reporting of serious adverse events.
- J. describe and demonstrate appropriate patient draping and positioning to optimize treatment and maintain the patient's dignity.
- K. employ health, cleanliness, and safety practices to reduce transmission of diseases through hygienic methods.
- L. describe and employ appropriate cleaning and pathogen reduction techniques in healthcare and professional practice locations.
- M. recognize ethical issues and evaluate appropriate actions when administering treatment.

- N. safely and effectively administer topical/externally applied East Asian herbal formulations that are complementary to East Asian medical bodywork.

Patient Care Domain 7: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The student must demonstrate the ability to:

- A. identify subjective and objective findings that indicate urgent referral.
- B. identify risk factors and findings that suggest medical conditions requiring referral.
- C. implement key emergency first-aid procedures, including CPR.
- D. describe the legal implications of inappropriate emergency management.
- E. describe correct emergency management documentation and follow-up procedures.
- F. develop an emergency management plan for private office and multi-disciplinary settings.

Patient Care Domain 8: SELF-CULTIVATION

The student must demonstrate the ability to:

- A. describe and demonstrate self-cultivation exercises that support the development of hand techniques and body mechanics, including balance, stability, and leverage.
- B. employ a self-cultivation practice, such as Qi Gong, to develop personal structural integrity and apply that understanding to the patient treatment.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPETENCIES

Professional Development Domain 1: EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

The student must demonstrate the ability to:

- A. apply data and information concerning confidentiality and HIPAA, informed consent, scope of practice, professional conduct, malpractice and liability insurance, requirements of third-party payers, OSHA, professional development, other applicable legal standards to improve practice management and records management systems.
- B. practice ethically and behave with integrity in professional settings.

Criterion 7.05: CLINICAL TRAINING

PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS

CERTIFICATE IN EAST ASIAN MEDICAL BODYWORK

The clinical training must: (1) be separate and distinct from clinical training in other ACAHM-accredited/pre-accredited programs and (2) provide sufficient patient contacts to fulfill the professional competencies expected of program graduates.

A **certificate in East Asian medical bodywork program** must ensure that the clinical training, conducted under the supervision of program approved supervisors, consists of at least 60 treatments of student-delivered patient care, at least 30 minutes in duration, where student interns conduct patient interviews, perform diagnosis and treatment planning, perform appropriate medical bodywork treatments, and follow-up on patients' responses to treatment.

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