

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COLLEGE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE  
MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS AND ACUPUNCTURISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
MADE THE 20th DAY OF July, 2015 AT VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with the authority established in section 19(1) of the Health Professions Act, and subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, where required by the Health Professions Act, the Board amends the Bylaws of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia, as indicated in the Schedule attached to this Resolution.

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Mary S. Watterson  
CEO/Registrar

## **SCHEDULE**

The bylaws of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia made under the authority of the *Health Professions Act* are amended as follows:

1. Schedule E is repealed and the attached substituted:

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE E OF CTCMA BYLAWS (REDLINE), JULY 2015

### Recognition ~~Guidelines~~ Requirements for Education/~~Training~~ Programs

~~Students who complete training in British Columbia will only receive recognition for programs offered by training institutions that are currently registered or accredited with the Private Career Training Institutions Agency ("PCTIA"). As of March 31, 2012, recognition will only be given for completion of programs offered by training institution programs in British Columbia that are accredited by PCTIA.~~

~~Private non-degree-granting institutions in British Columbia must be accredited by the Private Career Training Institutions Agency ("PCTIA") or have a designation certificate issued under the *Private Training Act*.~~

~~Public institutions must have approval or designation to grant credentials under the *University Act* or the *College and Institute Act*. Degree granting education programs must be approved by the provincial government's Degree Quality Assessment Board ("DQAB"), as meeting the statutory requirements under the *Degree Authorization Act*.~~

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and Acupuncture educational programs are evaluated by CTCMA based on institutional processes, content and length of program length, structure and learning outcomes, and student clinical activity and outcomes. Indicators are used to determine if educational programs meet the criteria. Five areas of an educational program are reviewed: The expectations are as follows:

#### **I. Institutional Processes**

~~The Institutional philosophy and program philosophy, content and length enable graduates to meet the College's standards of practice.~~

#### **IV. Resources**

~~The institution has the resources and infrastructure necessary to develop, deliver and evaluate a program that provides learning experiences necessary for students to achieve the College's professional practice requirements.~~

#### **II. Curriculum**

~~The curriculum provides learning experiences necessary for students to achieve the College's professional practice requirements.~~

#### **III. Students and graduates**

~~Students, during their participation in the education program, demonstrate progression towards achieving the College's professional practice requirements. Graduates have been and are successful in achieving professional practice requirements.~~

**IV. Program contentLength**

~~The educational program has met the minimal requirements listed in the following sections. The length of the program must meet or exceed the minimum requirements set out in of this schedule.~~

**II. Structure and Learning Outcomes**

~~The program's curriculum content and structure must be such that student learning outcomes are consistent with the indicators in CTCMA's *Entry-Level Occupational Competencies, Performance Indicators and Assessment Blueprint*.~~

**III. Student Clinical Activity**

~~The program's student clinic and the program's clinical instruction must meet the requirements established by CTCMA to ensure the safe, effective and ethical treatment of the public.~~

~~Where the requirements below specify a minimum number of hours of clinical instruction, 50% of the minimum hours must take place in a clinic owned and operated by the program. For the initial 200 hours of supervised practice, the supervisor shall be physically present at all times during the diagnosis and treatment of the patient. For the remaining hours, the supervisor may be in close proximity to the location at which the patient is being treated.~~

**Minimum educational program requirements**Definitions

~~"Academic year" is used throughout this schedule. 1 academic year consists of~~ means 8 months, or 2 semesters, or 3 quarters, or 2 trimesters of study.

"Clinical Instruction" includes:

~~It is expected that 50% of the minimum hours listed under each clinical instruction shall take place in a clinic owned and operated by the education or training program. Where noted below, "clinical instruction" includes: appropriate, it shall include:~~

- Practice observation: supervised observation of ~~the~~ clinical practice ~~with case presentations and discussions;~~
- Diagnosis and evaluation: the application of TCM diagnostic procedures in evaluating patients;
- ~~Supervised practice: the clinical treatment of patients.~~
- ~~50% of the minimum hours listed under each clinical instruction shall take place in a clinic owned and operated by the education program~~

~~"EOCPIA Blueprint" means the Entry-Level Occupational Competencies, Performance Indicators and Assessment Blueprint, which is approved by the Board from time to time and published on the College's website.~~

~~All programs shall include :~~

- ~~1. A minimum of 360 hours of BASIC TCM FOUNDATION BLOCK in~~



- ~~—— History of TCM and Acupuncture~~
- ~~—— Basic TCM theory~~
- ~~—— TCM diagnostic process~~
- ~~—— Treatment principles and method/Zhi Ze and Zhi Fa~~
- ~~—— Communication skills~~
- ~~—— Ethics, medical, legal issues and practice management~~

~~2. A minimum of 250 hours in the introduction of relevant biological and clinical sciences; western diagnosis and diagnostic tests.~~

~~A. **Acupuncture program:** (Totaling 1900 hours minimum in 3 academic years, which included 450 hours minimum of clinical instruction).~~

~~B. In addition to 1 and 2 listed above, a minimum of 550 hours in:~~

~~C. —— Pointology/Shu Xue~~

~~D. —— Treatment of diseases~~

~~E. —— Treatment techniques~~

~~F. —— Equipment safety and clean needle techniques, AND~~

~~G. ——~~

~~a minimum of 450 hours of clinical instruction in acupuncture. During the initial 200 hours, the supervisor shall be physically present at all times during the diagnosis and treatment of patient. For the remaining 250 hours, the supervisor may be in close proximity to the location at which the patient is being treated during other clinical instruction. The student shall consult with the supervision before and after each treatment.~~

### A. Acupuncturist Programs

Acupuncturist programs shall consist of a minimum of 1,900 hours of study over 3 academic years, including a minimum of 450 hours of clinical instruction of which at least 225 hours must be in supervised practice.

Acupuncturist programs shall provide for the learning outcomes identified as “Common” and “Acupuncture” in the EOCPIA Blueprint for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists and include a minimum of 450 hours of clinical instruction in acupuncture that provides for learning outcomes consistent with the indicators identified as “Clinical” for the Assessment Requirements in Education Program in the EOCPIA Blueprint for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists.

~~H. **Herbology program** (Totaling 1900 hours minimum in 3 academic years, which included 450 hours minimum of clinical instruction).~~

~~In addition to 1 and 2 listed above, a minimum of 550 hours in:~~



- ~~— Clinical herbology~~
- ~~— Treatment of diseases~~
- ~~— Introduction to TCM classics, AND~~

~~a minimum of 450 clinical instruction in herbology. During the initial 200 hours, the supervisor shall be physically present at all times during the diagnosis and treatment of patient. For the remaining 250 hours, the supervisor may be in close proximity to the location at which the patient is being treated during other clinical instruction. The student shall consult with the supervision before and after each treatment.~~

## **B. Traditional Chinese Medicine Herbalist Programs**

Traditional Chinese Medicine Herbalist programs shall consist of a minimum of 1,900 hours of study over 3 academic years, including a minimum of 450 hours of clinical instruction of which at least 225 hours must be in supervised practice.

Traditional Chinese Medicine Herbalist programs shall provide for the learning outcomes identified as “Common” and “Herbology” in the EOCPIA Blueprint for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists and include a minimum of 450 hours of clinical instruction in herbology that provides for learning outcomes consistent with the indicators identified as “Clinical” for the Assessment Requirements in Education Program in the EOCPIA Blueprint for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists.

- ~~I. **TCM practitioner program** (Totaling 2600 hours minimum in 4 academic years, which included 650 hours minimum of clinical instruction).~~

~~The program will be a combination of the acupuncture program (A), the herbology program (B) listed above, and courses in Tui Na, Shi Liao, and Chinese rehabilitation exercises such as Tai Ji Quan and Qi Gong.~~

## **C. Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner Programs**

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner programs shall consist of a minimum of 2,600 hours of study over 4 academic years, including a minimum of 650 hours of clinical instruction of which at least 425 hours must be in supervised practice.

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner programs shall provide for the learning outcomes identified as “Common”, “Acupuncture” and “Herbology” in the EOCPIA Blueprint for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists and include a minimum of 650 hours of clinical instruction in acupuncture and herbology that provides for learning outcomes consistent with the indicators identified as “Clinical” for the Assessment Requirements in Education Program in the EOCPIA Blueprint for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists.



~~J. **Dr.TCM program** (Totaling 3250 hours minimum in 5 academic years, which included 1050 hours minimum of clinical instruction).~~

~~In addition to the TCM practitioner program listed in (C), the program shall consist of a minimum of 450 hours in~~

~~— Modern clinical research in TCM~~

~~— TCM classics~~

~~— Western diagnostic information~~

~~— Other TCM treatment modalities~~

~~— TCM gerontology~~

~~— TCM psychology~~

~~— Advanced studies in acupuncture~~

~~— Herbal pharmacology, AND~~

~~a minimum of 150 hours of clinical instruction.~~

#### **D. Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine Program**

Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine programs shall consist of a minimum of 3,250 hours of study over 5 academic years, including a minimum of 1,050 hours of clinical instruction of which at least 825 hours must be in supervised practice.

Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine programs shall provide for the learning outcomes listed in the EOCPIA Blueprint for the Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine and include a minimum of 1,050 hours of clinical instruction that provides for learning outcomes consistent with the indicators identified as “Clinical” for the Assessment Requirements in Education Program in the EOCPIA Blueprint for the Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine.



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Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and Acupuncture education programs are evaluated by CTCMA based on program length, structure and learning outcomes, and student clinical activity. The expectations are as follows:

#### I. **Program Length**

The length of the program must meet or exceed the minimum requirements set out in this schedule.

#### II. **Structure and Learning Outcomes**

The program’s curriculum content and structure must be such that student learning outcomes are consistent with the indicators in CTCMA’s *Entry-Level Occupational Competencies, Performance Indicators and Assessment Blueprint*.

#### III. **Student Clinical Activity**

The program’s student clinic and the program’s clinical instruction must meet the requirements established by CTCMA to ensure the safe, effective and ethical treatment of the public.

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### Minimum requirements

#### **Definitions**

“Academic year” means 8 months, or 2 semesters, or 3 quarters, or 2 trimesters of study.

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- Practice observation: supervised observation of clinical practice;
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Acupuncturist programs shall provide for the learning outcomes identified as “Common” and “Acupuncture” in the EOCPIA Blueprint for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists and include a minimum of 450 hours of clinical instruction in acupuncture that provides for learning outcomes consistent with the indicators identified as “Clinical” for the Assessment Requirements in Education Program in the EOCPIA Blueprint for TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists.

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Traditional Chinese Medicine Herbalist programs shall consist of a minimum of 1,900 hours of study over 3 academic years, including a minimum of 450 hours of clinical instruction of which at least 225 hours must be in supervised practice.

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