

Blueprint Summary

PAN-CANADIAN TCM MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

(To be included in the Candidate Handbook)

| SUMMARY CHART – PAN-CANADIAN MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION COMPONENT | | | | |
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| STRUCTURAL VARIABLES | | | | |
| Length and Format | The examinations are computer-administered. | | | |
| | The examinations consist of operational questions that are scored as well as up to 10% of experimental questions that are not scored. | | | |
| | | TCM Practitioners | Acupuncturists | TCM Herbalists |
| | Total Questions | 175 questions | 125 questions | 125 questions |
| | Duration | 3.5 hours | 2.5 hours | 2.5 hours |
| Question Form and Presentation | The component contains independent multiple-choice questions. | | | |
| Cognitive Ability Levels | Remembering | 20% – 30% | | |
| | Comprehension & Application | 35% – 50% | | |
| | Analysis and Interpretation | 20% – 30% | | |
| Percentage of Examination Questions by Practice Areas | Practice Areas | TCM Practitioners | Acupuncturists | TCM Herbalists |
| | 1. Interpersonal Skills | 5% - 9% | 5% - 9% | 5% - 9% |
| | 2. Professionalism | | | |
| | 3. Practice Management | | | |
| | 4. Traditional Chinese Medicine Foundations | 23% - 33% | 23% - 33% | 26% - 36% |
| | 5. Fundamentals of Biomedicine | 11% - 17% | 11% - 17% | 11% - 17% |
| | 6. Diagnostics and Treatment | 25% - 35% | 26% - 36% | 25% - 35% |
| | 7. Acupuncture Techniques | 5% - 9% | 10% - 16% | n/a |
| | 8. Herbal Dispensary Management | 5% - 9% | n/a | 8% - 14% |
| | 9. Safety | 5% - 9% | 5% - 9% | 5% - 9% |
| CONTEXTUAL VARIABLES | | | | |
| Patient Demographics | The Pan-Canadian multiple-choice question component may include questions pertaining to individuals, families, and groups such as populations and communities. | | | |
| Lifespan | Questions are included that relate to lifespan, from preconception through to advanced age, including end of life. | | | |
| Practice Environment | The practice environment can be any setting or circumstance within the scope of practice defined by provincial legislation and regulation. TCM Practitioners, Acupuncturists and/or TCM Herbalists can practice in a variety of settings and because most of the competencies are not setting dependent, the practice environment is only specified when required. | | | |
| TCM Illnesses and Formulae | Items pertaining to the TCM illnesses include, but are not limited to, Internal Medicine (<i>Nei Ke</i>), External Medicine (<i>Wai Ke</i>), Obstetrics and Gynecology (<i>Fu Ke</i>), Pediatrics (<i>Er Ke</i>), Orthopedics and Traumatology (<i>Gu Shang Ke</i>). | | | |

PAN-CANADIAN CLINICAL CASE QUESTION COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES
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| STRUCTURAL VARIABLES | | | | |
| Length and Format | The examinations are computer-administered. The examinations consist of operational questions that are scored and up to 10% of experimental questions that are not scored. | | | |
| | | TCM Practitioners | Acupuncturists | TCM Herbalists |
| | Total Questions | 55 | 40 | 40 |
| | Duration | 3.5 hours | 2.5 hours | 2.5 hours |
| Question Form and Presentation | The examinations contain a mixture of case-based and independent multiple-choice, multiple-select, and drag-and-drop reorder questions. | | | |
| Cognitive Ability Levels | Remembering | 10% – 15% | | |
| | Comprehension & Application | 35% – 55% | | |
| | Analysis and Interpretation | 35% – 55% | | |
| Percentage of Examination Questions by Practice Areas | Practice Areas | TCM Practitioners | Acupuncturists | TCM Herbalists |
| | Interpersonal Skills | 5 - 9% | 5 - 9% | 5 - 9% |
| | Professionalism | | | |
| | Traditional Chinese Medicine Foundations | 27 - 37% | 29 - 39% | 25 - 35% |
| | Fundamentals of Biomedicine | 5 - 9% | 8 - 12% | 4 - 8% |
| | Diagnostics and Treatment | 33 - 43% | 36 - 46% | 34 - 44% |
| | Herbal Dispensary Management | 6 - 10% | n/a | 8 - 12% |
| | Safety | 6 - 10% | 6 - 10% | 6 - 10% |
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| CONTEXTUAL VARIABLES | | | | |
| Patient Demographics | The Pan-Canadian Clinical Case Question Component may include questions pertaining to individuals, families, and groups such as populations and communities. | | | |
| Lifespan | Items are included that relate to lifespan, from preconception through to advanced age, including end of life. | | | |
| Practice Environment | The practice environment can be any setting or circumstance within the scope of practice defined by provincial legislation and regulation. TCM Practitioners, Acupuncturists and/or TCM Herbalists can practice in a variety of settings and because most of the competencies are not setting dependent, the practice environment is only specified when required. | | | |
| TCM Illnesses | Items pertaining to the TCM illnesses include, but are not limited to, Internal Medicine (<i>Nei Ke</i>), External Medicine (<i>Wai Ke</i>), Obstetrics and Gynecology (<i>Fu Ke</i>), Pediatrics (<i>Er Ke</i>), Orthopedics and Traumatology (<i>Gu Shang Ke</i>). | | | |