

Program Learning Outcomes - DAOM

1.0 Knowledge base and clinical skills in acupuncture and Oriental medicine

- 1.1 Exercise advanced clinical judgment to establish diagnoses and treatment plans for patients with complex clinical conditions.
- 1.2 Demonstrate advanced knowledge and skills in TCM gynecology and TCM pain management.
- 1.3 Obtain comprehensive medical history and other relevant patient documentation, including information on psychological, social and cultural issues.
- 1.4 Incorporate health promotion and disease prevention into treatment plans.
- 1.5 Demonstrate the ability to treat patient as a whole.
- 1.6 Demonstrate an understanding of patient-centered health care.
- 1.7 Demonstrate collaborative skills for treating chronic illnesses.
- 1.8 Integrate relative biomedical knowledge within the scope of practice of Oriental medicine.

2.0 Information literacy, research and critical thinking in clinical practice

- 2.1 Obtain and evaluate information from different biomedical databases and Oriental medicine sources.
- 2.2 Review and evaluate evidence-based research findings.
- 2.3 Demonstrate the ability to apply information from the literature to the care of individual patients.
- 2.4 Acknowledge the strengths and limitations of scientific thinking.
- 2.5 Demonstrate an understanding of complexity, uncertainty and probability in making decisions in medical practice.
- 2.6 Educate patients and professional communities about Oriental medicine.
- 2.7 Generate a capstone project that meets criteria for publication.
- 2.8 Demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning.

3.0 Collaboration in a variety of settings with various health care practitioners

- 3.1 Incorporate biomedical knowledge in TCM diagnosis and treatment.
- 3.2 Demonstrate the ability to make appropriate referrals, knowing the scopes of practice and when to refer to other practitioners.
- 3.3 Demonstrate the ability to formulate integrative protocols for case management.
- 3.4 Demonstrate the skills to work in collaborative practices and in medical teams.
- 3.5 Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of other health care practitioners and health related personnel.
- 3.6 Demonstrate an understanding of the various health care practitioners in the U.S., their competencies, scopes of practice and training, such as MD's, DO's, ND's, DC's, Qi Gong practitioners and/or LMT's.
- 3.7 Demonstrate an understanding of the basics of health systems, including: policies, organizations, financing, cost containment and principles of effective management of health care delivery.
- 3.8 Articulate the role of Oriental medicine in the larger health care system.

4.0 Professionalism

- 4.1 Display the personal attributes of compassion, honesty and integrity.
- 4.2 Manage patients in an effective and ethical manner.
- 4.3 Integrate the needs of the patient, including their cultural, psycho-social and spiritual components.

5.0 Communication skills

- 5.1 Demonstrate sensitivity to cultural and personal factors that improve interactions with other health care practitioners.
- 5.2 Communicate effectively with other professionals and colleagues, including health care professionals outside the field of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.
- 5.3 Synthesize and present information effectively to the patient, family and other health care practitioners.
- 5.4 Demonstrate respect for colleagues and other health care practitioners and foster positive collaboration with them.