



California Institute of Integral Studies

Doctor of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (DACM)

Program Learning Outcomes - DACM

1.0 Patient Care Competencies

- 1.1 Articulate an understanding of the theories and systems of acupuncture and Chinese medicine.
- 1.2 Apply the skills and knowledge of acupuncture and Chinese medicine in the clinical setting.
- 1.3 Articulate the significance of biomedical knowledge to inform acupuncture and Chinese medicine practice.
- 1.4 Demonstrate the ability to understand the significance of routine laboratory and imaging reports.
- 1.5 Demonstrate the ability to develop subjective and objective findings in patient care.
- 1.6 Demonstrate the ability to develop an assessment and treatment plan in patient care.
- 1.7 Demonstrate the ability to review biomedical chart notes and relate this data to Chinese medicine patient care.
- 1.8 Demonstrate the ability to interact with patients in a caring manner.
- 1.9 Develop and implement an effective patient management plan.
- 1.10 Apply biomedical knowledge in patient care.
- 1.11 Demonstrate the ability to recognize situations requiring referral or emergency referral as part of case management.
- 1.12 Demonstrate the ability to effectively manage patient care.
- 1.13 Demonstrate critical thinking and professional judgment in patient care.
- 1.14 Demonstrate competence in the application of acupuncture and Chinese medicine modalities.
- 1.15 Demonstrate the ability to engage patients as active participants in their care.

2.0 Systems-Based Medicine Competencies

- 2.1 Demonstrate effective interpersonal and communication skills with patients and other health care providers.
- 2.2 Demonstrate the ability to educate other health care professions regarding the appropriate use of acupuncture and Chinese medicine.
- 2.3 Articulate the roles and responsibilities of other healthcare practitioners.
- 2.4 Articulate a definition of systems-based medicine.
- 2.5 Describe how healthcare is impacted by the context of where and how care is provided.
- 2.6 Articulate the role of evidence-based medicine and evidence-informed practice in acupuncture and Chinese medicine.

- 2.7 Work collaboratively with other members of the healthcare team in the provision of patient-centered care.
- 2.8 Demonstrate the ability to provide patient care in a collaborative setting.

3.0 Professional Development Competencies

- 3.1 Demonstrate the ability to respect the patient's dignity, privacy, and confidentiality in the delivery of health care.
- 3.2 Demonstrate the ability to interact with patients, staff and other health care providers in a culturally sensitive manner.
- 3.3 Demonstrate an understanding of professional ethics and responsibilities.
- 3.4 Articulate an understanding the role of lifelong learning in professional development.
- 3.5 Demonstrate an understanding of state legal requirements and scope of practice.
- 3.6 Demonstrate the ability to self-assess and make changes to improve professional and clinical outcomes.
- 3.7 Demonstrate the ability to critically and scholarly appraise medical literature.
- 3.8 Demonstrate the ability to access and evaluate research information, and relate this information to clinical practice.
- 3.9 Demonstrate knowledge of techniques for establishing and developing a successful practice.