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 healthcare 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.