Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (DAOM)

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.