

Standard:	7	Program of Study
Criterion:	7.05	Clinical Training
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INSTITUTIONAL COMPONENTS

These components are defined as those relevant only to entities that are institutionally accredited by ACAOM. These institutional components are not relevant or pertinent to the schools that rely on ACAOM for programmatic accreditation only.

There are no Institutional Components for this criterion.

PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS

These components are defined as those that are relevant to ACAOM programs, regardless of the institutional accreditation. Programmatic components may be further differentiated as applicable to all program levels (i.e., Masters, Professional Doctorate) or applicable to only one program level.

ALL PROGRAMS:

- A. The clinical internship must be conducted in a clinical internship location (see [ACAOM Glossary](#)).
- B. Clinical training must place students in internship settings with an adequate number and variety of supervisors; and must provide a wide range of educational experiences.

MASTER'S LEVEL AND PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE [PD] PROGRAMS:

- C. The program must ensure that each student fulfills at least 150 hours observing acupuncturists and senior student interns performing AOM therapies in a clinical setting. A majority (greater than 50%) of the clinical observation experience must include patient diagnosis and/or treatment performed by experienced practitioners that have all necessary state authority to perform the AOM therapies and associated faculty duties.
- D. The clinical training must provide sufficient patient contacts to fulfill the professional competencies expected of program graduates.
 1. An **acupuncture program** must ensure that the clinical internship training, conducted under the supervision of program approved supervisors, consists of at least 250 treatments of student-delivered patient care where student interns conduct patient interviews, perform diagnosis and

treatment planning, perform appropriate acupuncture and/or Oriental medicine treatments, and follow-up on patients' responses to treatment.

2. An **Oriental medicine program** must ensure that the clinical internship training, conducted under the supervision of program approved supervisors, consists of at least 350 treatments of student-delivered patient care where student interns conduct patient interviews, perform diagnosis and treatment planning, perform appropriate acupuncture and/or Oriental medicine treatments, and follow-up on patients' responses to treatment.

- E. The program must incorporate two or more stages or levels of clinical training, which must be associated with clearly defined outcomes that describe the achievement of competency.

PROFESSIONAL [PD] DOCTORATE PROGRAMS:

- F. As part of its clinical training, the PD program must provide opportunities for interns to engage in collaborative interactions with other medical providers in appropriate clinical settings.

POST-GRADUATE DOCTORATE [DAOM] PROGRAMS:

- A. The program must offer a concentration in at least one clinical specialty area and/or AOM-related (see [ACAOM Glossary](#)) modality.

- B. The program must provide in-depth, advanced clinical training in the defined concentration(s) that leads to development of clinical expertise beyond entry-level.

- C. The program must provide in-depth didactic and practical training in the area(s) of concentration sufficient to support the clinical experience.

- D. As part of its clinical training, the program must provide opportunities for interns to engage in collaborative interactions with other medical providers in appropriate clinical settings.

- E. The clinical curriculum of the doctoral program must provide the student opportunities for assuming in-depth professional responsibilities and demonstrating professional role modeling. This may include supervised: teaching assignments, participation in administration of services, quality assurance activities, clinical research activities, and supervision responsibilities.

- F. The clinical program must promote the integration of practice and scholarly inquiry.

Revision History

Date Revised	Summary of Revisions	Approved By
181010	Added DAOM components	

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