



PDA PROVIDER Newsletter

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WELCOME to the first edition of the PDA Provider Newsletter

In an effort to better communicate and share information with our PDA Providers, we are launching the PDA Provider Newsletter! The mission of the PDA program is to provide an avenue that allows NCCAOM Diplomates the ability to earn "PDA Points" for recertification by partnering with sponsors of continuing education in acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

What is PDA?

PDA stands for "Professional Development Activity". PDA is the NCCAOM's name for continuing education activities that our Diplomates must complete to satisfy their recertification requirements. One PDA Point equals one hour of education.

NCCAOM's PDA program began in 1999 and has grown to over 700 PDA Providers with 2,500 accepted programs that award PDA Points to Diplomates.. Significant advances were made in 2007 when two full-time employees were hired to the PDA Department. With this dedication came department enhancements such as a new application process, specific program definitions, updating the PDA search engine, and many more improvements. We are pleased with the results and the rewarding relationship with all of our PDA Providers!

New and Updated PDA Search Engine

One of the major projects taken on by the PDA Department in 2007 was to refine the search capabilities and update the information in the PDA search engine.

The biggest change is that our Diplomates can now search for courses by a "keyword". Fields

were also added to the database that allows searches by types of programs: a one-day course, seminars, conferences, or on-line or distance learning.

The second phase of this project was to update years of outdated programs from the database. The PDA Department worked



How are we doing? We welcome your feedback about NCCAOM's PDA Program! Please send your comments via e-mail at pda@nccaom.org.

for a year to remove programs no longer being offered. This effort allows for accurate search capabilities for our Diplomates and accurate advertising for our PDA Providers.



Did You Know....

NCCAOM has a new, interactive Website! Visit us at www.nccaom.org

Diplomates can provide feedback on PDA programs by completing PDA Program Evaluations located on the NCCAOM website.

Diplomates can now search for PDA Programs by keyword and type of program as well as by state and PDA Provider.

The PDA Program has over 700 PDA Providers and has accepted over 2,500 programs!

The PDA Department continually recruits new PDA Providers. Do you know someone who would like to join our group?

More and more states are requiring PDA Points for Diplomates to maintain their license.

Diplomates can find your program on the PDA Search Engine!

Who was the first PDA Provider? Find out in the next edition of the PDA Provider Newsletter!