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**NCCAOM Programs Receive NCCA Accreditation: Acupuncture, Chinese Herbology and Asian Bodywork Therapy Programs are Re-Accredited; Oriental Medicine Certification Program Receives Accreditation**

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Jacksonville, FL – (December 7, 2007) The National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) has been granted full, five-year accreditation for all of its certification programs including Acupuncture, Chinese Herbology, Asian Bodywork Therapy (ABT), and Oriental Medicine by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

NCCAOM first attained NCCA accreditation for its Acupuncture Certification Program in 1991, and the Chinese Herbology Program was subsequently accredited in 1996. The Asian Bodywork Therapy Program received its first NCCA accreditation in 2002 and the Oriental Medicine Certification Program became accredited this year. To view the NCCA website of accredited certification programs, please go to the [NCCA website](#) which lists the newly accredited Chinese Herbology and ABT programs.

“NCCA accreditation is another demonstration that NCCAOM’s programs are of the highest quality. The public can feel confident that an NCCAOM certified practitioner has met nationally recognized standards of competency and safety in acupuncture and Oriental medicine,” said Kory Ward-Cook, CAE, Ph.D., NCCAOM’s Chief Executive Officer.

NCCA is the accreditation body of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). Established in 1977, the NCCA is the leader in setting quality standards for credentialing organizations. NCCA accredits certifying programs based on the highest quality standards in professional certification to ensure that these programs adhere to current standards of practice in the certification industry. Accreditation clearly demonstrates that NCCAOM’s procedures are rigorous and defensible, thus increasing the value of NCCAOM’s certifications. To view NCCA’s standards, visit <http://noca.org/ncca/ncca.htm>.

According to NOCA, during the August and November 2007 meetings, the NCCA Commissioners reviewed 62 applications (both new and renewal). Of those reviewed, only 26 were granted initial or renewal of accreditation. NCCAOM received 4 of the 26 accreditations, an important and significant accomplishment.

Information about NCCAOM certification programs and a directory of certified practitioners are available at [www.nccaom.org](http://www.nccaom.org).

*The National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization established in 1982. The mission of NCCAOM is to establish, assess, and promote recognized standards of competence and safety in acupuncture and Oriental medicine for the protection and benefit of the public.*