COVID – 19 CRISIS

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Town Hall Meeting:
April 14, 2020

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NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE
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- All Attendees are muted;
- You can ask questions using your dashboard. All questions will be answered during or after the meeting;
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At the end of this meeting all attendees will receive a brief survey. The results of the survey will help us to improve our Town Hall meetings.
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COVID-19 UPDATE

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14 April 2020
ACAOM’s mission is to serve as the nationally recognized accrediting agency of programs in acupuncture and Oriental medicine (AOM) and institutions exclusively providing AOM-related programs.
COMMISSIONERS

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  - Angela Tseng, DAOM, LAc
- Two open positions:
  - 1 Academic Member; 1 Administrator Member
For ACAOM’s COVID-19 related communications, visit the ACAOM website:

http://acaom.org/

FIRST STOP FOR INFORMATION!
Includes links to other reg agency information
ACAOM COVID-19 RESPONSE

- As an accrediting agency, ACAOM’s COVID-19 response must follow guidance and timelines established by the U.S. Department of Education and other Federal, State and local regulatory agencies including acupuncture licensing bodies.

- Emergency waiver process that provides temporary and limited distance education alternatives and protects students/public, promotes educational quality, and complies with ACAOM standards.
TIMELINE

- 6 March – ACAOM Initial Statement on COVID-19
  - Initial emergency waiver process for didactic courses
- 11 March – Simplified emergency waiver form for didactic courses
- 17 March – AOM Education and COVID-19
  - Discussed considerations regarding didactic coursework, clinical studies, and labs
- 25 March – Emergency Waiver – DE in Clinical Training
  - Limitations – 10% of clinic observation, internship and student-delivered patient care requirements for a student’s total program of study.
- 30 March – All didactic waivers were extended to 1 June
- 1 April – Full Commission Meeting – COVID-19
  - Review of challenges, input from CCAOM & options for clinical training
- 2 April – Clinic observation limitation expanded from 15 hours to 50 hours (out of 150).
ACAOM – RESULTS

• 51 ACAOM Accredited Institutions:
  • 50 Didactic Waivers Submitted
    • 3/6 – 3/30
    • 50 approved, typically within one business day of submission

• 31 Clinical Education Waivers Submitted
  • 3/26 – 4/10
  • 31 approved, typically within one business day of submission
ACAOM will be a globally recognized leader for accrediting educational programs in the acupuncture and Oriental medicine (AOM) profession. We envision that ACAOM will create an environment that encourages educational innovation and promotes training opportunities that emphasize adaptability to changes in global healthcare. By 2025, ACAOM will:

- Create additional training opportunities through new accreditable programs
- Expand distance learning opportunities
- Promote innovations in clinical training
- Expand the recognition and value of ACAOM-accredited programs
The Commission is guided and informed by our belief in and commitment to:

- Accountability
- Excellence
- Innovation
- Respect
- Honesty and Integrity
- Collaborative culture.
• The Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine will continue to closely monitor the rapidly evolving circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 novel coronavirus and its impact on ACAOM accredited institutions and programs and will make adjustments where appropriate.

• **Legal Review** - There are a variety of scenarios resulting from COVID-19 that may impact institutions, their programs and students. There are significant ethical and legal considerations around changes in students’ learning experiences, therefore, all ACAOM accredited institutions are encouraged to have all program changes reviewed by their respective legal counsel.
THANK YOU!

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NCCAOM Emergency Initiatives

1. Adaptive Exam Administration to Begin May 18
   Diplomates to contact info@thencccaom.org

2. Considerations for Students due to Graduate Before 12/31/2020
   Students to contact their schools

3. COVID-19 Status Update Page
   Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
Temporary Exception for Students

1. School to complete the Graduation Registration Form*

2. Each student will be guided by the NCCAOM through the application process

3. After application is approved, student name will appear on the School Portal
   - The school official will then upload the student’s transcript and the NCCAOM® Student Graduation Verification Form

4. Once transcript & CNT received, student approved to test
Federal Student Loans

Suspends payment until September 30 (no interest accrued)

Retroactive to March 13, 2020

Eligible: Federal direct-loan borrowers

Not Eligible: Perkins and Federal Family Educational Loans

Not Eligible: State-agency loans; private loans (Sallie Mae, Wells Fargo)*
Federal Student Loans

- May request payment refunds made after March 13, 2020
- Do not count as missed payments
- May continue to pay loans (notify lender)
- Wage garnishments suspended for loan defaults
- Employers may pay up to $5,250 without counting as part of income
- Look for mail communications from lender
- Automatic payments stopped (check your account to confirm)
- Check with state and private lenders for adjusted policies
1. A student’s obligation to return Title IV aid is waived if the student withdraws due to COVID-19.

2. A student’s obligation to repay loans is cancelled if the student withdraws due to COVID-19.

3. Institutions may, as a result of COVID-19, provide a student with an approved leave of absence that does not require the student to return at the same point in the academic program that the student began the leave of absence if the student returns within the same semester.
Provisions Impacting Higher Education

Time Limits:

Any semester that a student does not complete due to COVID-19 does not count toward the time limits prescribed for federal subsidized loans and federal Pell Grants.

Satisfactory Academic Progress:

Institutions may exclude any attempted credits not completed as a result of COVID-19 from the quantitative component of the satisfactory academic progress calculation without requiring an appeal by the student.
Paycheck Protection Program

Included in the CARES Act is $349 billion for Small Business Administration forgivable loans.

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With our core mission to assure the safety and well-being of the public, we are emphasizing at this time that our Diplomates comply with guidelines set forth by local public health and government authorities with regards to “Stay at Home” orders. For those in states, where acupuncturists have been deemed essential workers, you should be in compliance with the CDC’s guidelines to prevent transmission of the virus

Questions and Answers

townhall@thencccaom.org
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HELPFUL RESOURCES

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

Latest News

Helpful Resources

Town Hall Meetings

NCCAOM UPDATES ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

NCCAOM is closely monitoring the impact and spread of the coronavirus in the U.S. and abroad. NCCAOM’s headquarters and operations remain unaffected by the COVID-19 outbreak. We are constantly evaluating the situation with news from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) and other government sources and will provide updates as the situation evolves.

The NCCAOM has created this webpage to keep NCCAOM stakeholders informed as the coronavirus situation evolves. Please see the links below for the latest information pertinent to each stakeholder group. To contact NCCAOM regarding developments and questions concerning how the organization is affected by Coronavirus, please contact covid19info@thenccaom.org.

NCCAOM Stakeholder Updates: Coronavirus

- Diplomates
- Applicants and Test-Takers
- PDA Providers
- Schools and Students

QUICK LINKS
COMING SOON
COVID-19
HELPFUL RESOURCES

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Certificates of Completion for Town Hall Meetings are distributed within two (2) weeks of the event date.
Next Town Hall: Wednesday, April 22

8 PM EST  |  7PM CST  |  6PM MST |  5PM PST

Please fill out the survey

Have a Topic Idea? Email townhall@thencccaom.org