

EMPEROR'S COLLEGE
MTOM COURSE SYLLABUS
MEDICAL ETHICS & JURISPRUDENCE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the ethical issues surrounding licensed practice in the field of TCM. Course topics include standards of medical ethics, ethical issues, legal issues, and the rules and regulations relating to the practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine with an emphasis on California Acupuncture Laws.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the students will become familiar with the standards of medical ethics, ethical issues, legal aspects and the laws and regulations relating to the practice of Acupuncture.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

Mid-Curriculum Exam

REQUIRED TEXTS

Laws and Regulations Relating to the Practice of Acupuncture, 20001 Issued by the Acupuncture Board.

Classroom lectures represent the instructor's emphasis and focus on certain aspects of the course material. The student is responsible for the assigned readings.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Knowledge of your California Assembly person and California State Senator
2. Knowledge of your Federal Representative in Congress and Federal Senator
3. Help in sponsoring a fundraiser for a local assemblyman who is running for State Senator.
He is Dr. Martin Gallegos. He has been favorable to Oriental Medicine and has sponsored several bills for our profession.
4. Contact a local licensed acupuncturist and find out what professional organization they belong to and support.
5. Write a letter to an elected representative urging support on a specific bill.

GRADING SCALE: 100-90% A, 89-80% B, 79-70% C, 69% and below F

SPECIAL NOTES

Professionalism and Full and Prompt Attendance: To pass any course (separate from academic performance) all students must meet requirements for professionalism in coursework. Professionalism includes full and prompt attendance: Students who miss more than 2 class meetings in a 10-week course will earn an F in that course. Additionally, students who arrive more than 15 minutes to class or leave class before it ends will be marked tardy. Two tardies equal one absence. NOTE: Students who leave and return to class late from a break or leave during the class (especially if this is repeated) or who disrupt the class in other ways may be referred to the Academic Dean for professionalism.

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CLASS ONE (The syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.)

Definition Of Ethics
Ethical Standards For The Oriental Medicine Provider
California Legislative Process
History Of Acupuncture In California
Acupuncture Legislation
Professional Organizations

CLASS TWO

Laws And Regulations
Legislative Intent - Primary Care Profession
Scope Of Practice
Memorandum Documents - Scope Of Practice And Herbs

CLASS THREE

Laws And Regulations Regarding The Practice Of Acupuncture

CLASS FOUR

Continue from previous week

CLASS FIVE

Risk Management
Malpractice
Record Keeping - Soap Notes From 3 Views
Legal Transfer Of Records
Release Of Data
Legal Liability

CLASS SIX

Blood borne pathogens
OSHA regulations and requirements
Physical plant
ADA Requirements

CLASS SEVEN

Continue from previous week

CLASS EIGHT

Domestic Violence
Memorandum - When To Report
Drug Court In The United States And Acupuncture

CLASS NINE

Continue from previous week

CLASS TEN

Sexual Impropriety
Explicit Contact With Patients Regarding Services
Ethical And Legal Paperwork Used In The Practice Of Oriental Medicine
 Sign-in Sheets
 Financial Agreement
 Patient Confidential Information
 Assignment Of Benefits

CLASS ELEVEN

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

WWW LINKS:

Chinese Confucian Culture And The Medical Ethical Tradition

<http://pears2.lib.ohio-state.edu/FULLTEXT/JR-MDL/guo.htm>

Ethics Solitaire

<http://www.games2train.com/games/solitaire/solitaire.html>

Medicine As A Moral Practice

<http://www.ispub.com/ostia/index.php?xmlFilePath=journals/ijlhe/vol1n2/moral.xml>

FACULTY INFO

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