



International Acupuncture Association of Physical Therapists

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IAAPT Accreditation Scheme for Basic Acupuncture Education for Physical Therapists / Physiotherapists – Application Form

Basic Information

Institution:	
Country/Region:	
WCPT Mem. Org*:	
Program Title:	
Person in Charge*:	
Address:	
Email:	
Web Site / Social Media Account:	

* The Institution may not necessarily be a branch of the WCPT Member Organization (M.O.) of the Country/Region where it is located. However, the person in charge for the program must be a member of the WCPT M.O.

Declaration

We declare that the program seeking accreditation from IAAPT has **at least 80 Contact Hours*** with demonstration of the following mandatory contents:

- 1. Basic Concepts of Contemporary Acupuncture (Biomedical Acupuncture and Dry Needling) and Traditional Chinese Acupuncture.**
- 2. Safe Application of Acupuncture and Related Techniques.**
- 3. Practical Application of Acupuncture for Pain Management and Common Musculoskeletal Disorders.**
- 4. Clinical Reasoning of Acupuncture Treatment within Physical Therapy**
- 5. Knowledge of evidence-based acupuncture treatment**



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* A minimum of 80 contact hours are considered the basic requirement to ensure **safe acupuncture practice for Physical Therapists / Physiotherapists**. The 80 hours includes: contact hours / face to face teaching or supervised internship. It does not include hours of self-directed learning or unsupervised practice.

The curriculum for the program include the following contents (please check):

- Traditional and Modern Theories of Acupuncture (the balance of which is at the individual program designer's discretion)**
- Safety Guidelines and Hygienic Practice of Acupuncture**
- Indications and Contraindications of Acupuncture**
- Diagnostic skills**
 - **Clinical reasoning**
 - **Basic Theory and Principles of Diagnosis in TCM**
- Acupuncture Point Finding (Surface Anatomy) and Myofascial Trigger Point Identification, including major points of the limbs, back and head.**
- Practical Needling Techniques**
- Supervised Practice**
- Ability to apply Evidence-based Practice to Treatment**

The following Formative or Summative assessments are used (please check):

- Student Presentation.
- Written Examination.
- Practical Examination.
- Clinical Placement.

- We declare that at least one member of the faculty must be a qualified physical therapist / physiotherapist with current membership of their Physical Therapy Association that is a member of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy.

Medium of Instruction: _____

Please attach an English version of the program details, prospectus or other description of the program to IAAPT.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Notes:

Upon successful accreditation of the program, IAAPT will issue a “**Certificate of Accreditation**” to the school, association or authority (the institution) holding the education program. The certificate is valid for 4-years and it is expected that the institution continuing to run the program should apply for an updated accreditation from IAAPT within the 4-year cycle. The institution may use the phrase “**Accredited by the International Acupuncture Association of Physical Therapists, an Official Sub-group of World Physiotherapy**” or its abbreviated or local equivalent to describe the program they offered while the certificate of accreditation is valid. The institution should inform the IAAPT if there is any change in their curriculum (not time-table).

A certificate to the student who have undertaken and passed the assessments may also be issued a “Certificate of Acupuncture for Physical Therapists (Physiotherapists)” for the accredited program. The application for this certificate must be initiated by the Institute that offered the program and proof of the studentship and successful completion of the program should be included in the application.

Fees

- Application for Accreditation of the Program: GBP300
- Application for issuance of Certificate of Acupuncture for Physical Therapists (Physiotherapists) for individual students: GBP20 per each certificate

Application Procedure

Fill out relevant forms and submit it via email to contact@iaapt.physio or by mail to GPO Box 4310, Hong Kong (Attention: Kerry Fung).

All fees should be paid to the account of IAAPT via Bank Transfer. Invoice will be advised in due course.

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