

News in Brief

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National University Receives Accreditation Candidacy Status

In August, National University of Health Sciences crossed a major milestone in the accreditation process for its acupuncture and Oriental medicine masters degree programs, each of which accepted its first students in the fall of 2006. The Master of Science in Acupuncture (MAc) and the Master of Science in Oriental Medicine (MOM) programs are candidates for accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM). Candidacy status also assures that NUHS graduates are eligible to sit for the licensing examinations conducted by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM).

Previously, the University received full accreditation to offer both the MAc and MSOM programs from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. This additional candidacy milestone in the accreditation process shows that the university is on track in offering degree programs and curriculum designed to meet the accrediting agency's standards.

"We are pleased to receive this candidacy status designation from the ACAOM and pledge to uphold our reputation for high standards of excellence in education for our acupuncture and Oriental medicine students," said National University President Dr. James F. Winterstein.

In addition to the MAc and MOM degrees, the university also offers advanced degrees in chiropractic medicine, naturopathic medicine, diagnostic imaging, advanced clinical practice, as well as undergraduate and certificate programs in such fields as biomedical sciences, massage therapy and chiropractic assistance.

"We've worked hard to establish a solid and traditional Oriental medicine curriculum, with a special emphasis on the training and skills our students will need if they plan to work side-by-side with other health care professions," commented Dr. Yihyun Kwon, assistant dean in charge of both the acupuncture and Oriental medicine programs. "We've also attracted a very knowledgeable and dynamic AOM faculty in order to give our students exposure to a broad range of Oriental medical knowledge, and solid role models for success in clinical practice."

Students interested in finding out more about obtaining advanced degrees in acupuncture or Oriental medicine, or those seeking more information about academic programs, may call the National University of Health Sciences admissions office at (800) 826-6285, or visit www.nuhs.edu.

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