

News in Brief

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PCOM Offers New Program

Pacific College of Oriental Medicine (PCOM), Chicago is launching its newly accredited program, the Massage Therapy/Asian Bodywork Certificate. This program teaches traditional massage skills with an emphasis on Oriental medicine theory, *tui na* and the development of the students' ability to synthesize the causes, symptoms, and treatments of disease.

The certificate requires a minimum of 600 hours and 33.5 academic credits. This program may be completed in three four-month terms or one calendar year. It will prepare students for certification by the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) and by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB). Successful passage of the NCBTMB's National Certification Exam is required for licensure and necessary for entry-level bodywork opportunities. Graduates may also be eligible for membership to the American Organization of Bodywork Therapies of Asia (AOBTA). Federal financial assistance will be available to those who qualify.

New Clean Needle Technique Manual Available

The *Clean Needle Technique Manual for Acupuncturists: Guidelines and Standards for the Clean and Safe Practice of Acupuncture, 6th Edition*, has undergone an extensive update and reorganization of information. It includes new chapters on Exposure Control Plans, Practitioner Health and Hygiene and Record Keeping. There is also expanded information on blood-borne pathogens, and establishing and maintaining a clean and safe office environment. The format of the manual has been updated and includes additional space for notes and commentary.

The 6th edition of the *Clean Needle Technique Manual for Acupuncturists* reflects the efforts of educators and professionals in the acupuncture and Oriental medicine field to provide the most up-to-date information available, including OSHA and CDC standards. The manual is required by the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine to be used in preparation for the Clean Needle Technique Exam. This exam is required for national certification, which in turn, is required by most states for licensure as an acupuncture and Oriental medicine professional.

The manual is available in English, Chinese and Korean. Please contact Bookmasters for ordering information at (800) 537-6727 or at www.bookmasters.com.

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