



YUE-GUSTAFSON SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Medical Acupuncture Certificate

Course Description:

This Medical Acupuncture Certificate course is for regulated health professionals who wish to expand their scope of practice by incorporating acupuncture into their practice. Acupuncture involves "restricted activities" requiring specific authorization to ensure safe practice. This course provides comprehensive training to equip health practitioners with the necessary competencies to perform acupuncture procedures safely and effectively. This course is in compliance with the [Health Professions Restricted Activity Regulation](#), enabling health practitioners to enhance patient care and adhere to all legal and professional standards.

Learning Outcomes

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In a clinical simulation setting using sterile acupuncture needles and standard anatomical references, learners will **perform safe and effective acupuncture needling techniques** by accurately locating and needling at least 95% of selected points, inserting needles at correct depths and angles without causing undue discomfort or injury, adhering strictly to hygiene and infection control protocols, and promptly managing any adverse reactions.

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With comprehensive patient case studies, learners will **develop individualized acupuncture treatment plans integrating traditional principles with modern medical knowledge** by accurately selecting appropriate acupuncture points and techniques for at least 4 out of 5 cases, setting clear therapeutic goals with rationale, and demonstrating critical thinking and personalized patient care.

3

During patient interactions in simulated role-plays with diverse patients, learners will **communicate acupuncture principles and treatment plans effectively to obtain informed consent** by clearly explaining procedures, benefits, risks, and alternatives in patient-appropriate language, addressing all questions and concerns, demonstrating cultural sensitivity, and successfully obtaining informed consent in at least 90% of observed interactions.

4

In simulated interdisciplinary team collaborative care planning sessions, learners will **integrate acupuncture treatments within patients' existing conventional medical care plans** by effectively communicating the acupuncture plan to at least three different healthcare professionals, ensuring it complements current therapies without contraindications, adjusting the approach as necessary to align with overall care objectives, and clearly documenting the integrated plan in the patient's medical record.

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In a simulated clinical setting with access to mock patient records and under supervision, learners will **conduct comprehensive patient assessments to determine suitability for acupuncture treatment** by effectively gathering and interpreting medical histories, reviewing physical examinations for at least 5 patients, identifying appropriate conditions, recognizing contraindications or risks, and accurately documenting their assessments.