



National Certification Committee for Acupuncture (NCCA)

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NO. 001
Series of 2023**

**CLARIFYING THE COMPLETION OF THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING OF
ASPIRING ACUPUNCTURISTS IN A PITAHC-ACCREDITED FACILITIES, SUPERVISION OF
A CERTIFIED PRACTITIONER, AND THE SUBMISSION OF DETAILED PROOF OF
TRAINING AND PRACTICE**

WHEREAS, Republic Act 8423, and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (RIRR), recognizes the relevance of the traditional and alternative health care modalities and the role of its practitioners, clinics and training centers to improve the quality and delivery of health care services to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the Guidelines Implementing R.A. 8423 IRR on the National Certification of Acupuncturists and Accreditation of Acupuncture Training Programs, Centers and Clinics, was approved and published in the National Administrative Register of the UP College of Law on March 19, 2008, as amended;

WHEREAS, Rule V, Articles 27 and 28 of the Revised Implementing Guidelines on the National Certification of Acupuncturists and Accreditation of Acupuncture Training Programs, Centers and Clinics provides for the composition of the National Certification Committee on Acupuncture (NCCA). The NCCA's functions include the issuance of training policies and accreditation of training programs and centers for acupuncture, revocation of the issued accreditation, among others;

WHEREAS, Rule V, Article 30 of the revised Implementing Guidelines specifies the required number of training hours and the need to secure the certificate of completion from a PITAHC certified acupuncture trainer or an accredited acupuncture training center;

WHEREAS, during the NCCA meetings on April 20, 2023, May 5, 2023, and May 22, 2023, respectively, the Committee noted the increasing number of deferred applicants due to the failure to submit proof of completion of required number of hours for theoretical training from a PITAHC-accredited training center and practical training from a PITAHC-accredited training center or clinic. Relative to this, the Committee members agreed that all associate acupuncturists upgrading to Certified Acupuncturist (CA) or a Certified Medical Acupuncturist (CMA) must only be supervised by a CA or CMA in a PITAHC-accredited training center or clinic for the practical and theoretical training.

NOW THEREFORE, the above premises considered, the NCCA hereby **RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** the following:

1. Require the applicant to submit Transcript of Records (TOR) indicating the total number of theoretical and supervised clinical practice and Certificate of Completion/Diploma from a PITAHC-accredited training center;
2. In cases of community services, including, but not limited to medical missions, community outreach program and institutional services by invitation, only twenty (20) hours shall be credited for the purpose of review of application in consonance with the approved syllabus for acupuncture training. A maximum of



- ten (10) patients shall be considered in the List of Patients submitted by the applicant;
3. CAs and CMAs with at least three (3) years of experience shall be allowed to perform clinical supervision in a PITAHC-accredited clinic or training center for the aspiring Associate Acupuncturists and those applying as CAs and CMAs; and
 4. Amend all affected provisions of the Guidelines Implementing R.A. 8423 IRR on the National Certification of Acupuncturists and Accreditation of Acupuncture Training Programs, Centers and Clinics.

Adopted this 22nd day of May, 2023.

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