Competency Maintenance—30 PDA Points
Diplomates are required to complete the number of PDA points identified in the designated areas listed below. PDA Provider courses may be live presentations or distance learning/online programs. Webinars are considered live presentations. PDA Providers distribute the NCCAOM® Certificate of Participation/Completion to award PDA points to the attendees.

Core Knowledge, Skills and Abilities—A minimum of 15 PDA points must be in biomedicine and/or one of the five branches of Oriental medicine (e.g., acupuncture, Chinese herbs, Chinese dietary therapy, Qigong, Asian bodywork therapy).

Safety and/or Ethics—4 PDA points required (e.g., herbal safety, universal precautions, ethics and liability, public health reporting requirement, etc.)

CPR Education—4 PDA points required (may not be used in the Core or Safety/Ethics category).

Electives—7 PDA points that directly enhance a Diplomate’s knowledge or practice in Oriental medicine (e.g., practice management).

Professional Development “Activities” - 30 PDA Points
NCCAOM® offer PDA points for participation in professional activities. PDA Providers will issue points in the continuing education category for any course subject taught within Oriental medicine. The practice enhancement category is used for those topics not related to Oriental medicine. PDA Providers distribute the NCCAOM® Certificate of Participation/Completion to award PDA points to the attendees. Overseas tours utilize the clinical experience category for hospital rounds that include observation, demonstration, and/or supervised practice. A letter from the PDA Provider distributes PDA points for the clinical experience. Extra continuing education points may be carried over to the Competency Maintenance categories.

- Continuing education courses: 30 points maximum
- Additional NCCAOM® certification: 20 points maximum
- Passage of NCCAOM® biomedicine exam: 20 points maximum
- Serve on a professional board: 5 points per year—10 maximum
- Advocate legislation: 10 points maximum
- Donate acupuncture and Oriental medicine services: 10 points maximum
- Item writing: 10 points maximum
- Clinical supervision: 10 points maximum
- Clinical experience: 10 points maximum
- Peer-reviewed posters or exhibits: 10 points maximum
- Research in Oriental medicine: 20 points maximum
- ACAOM site visitor: 10 points maximum
- Teach or Lecture: 20 points maximum
- Tai Chi/Qigong: 10 points maximum
- Language: 10 points maximum
- Publications—books, professional journals, articles: Varies—see pgs. 7 & 8
- Practice Enhancement—subjects not directly relate to Oriental medi-6 points maximum

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