

NCCAOM® Recertification At a Glance for PDA Providers

60 PDA Points are required in a four-year recertification cycle.



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 Diplomat's knowledge or practice in Oriental medicine (e.g., practice man-

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

For detailed descriptions and required documentation, please see the
NCCAOM® Recertification Handbook at www.nccaom.org