



International Acupuncture and Dry Needling Association of Physiotherapists

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IADAPT Accreditation Scheme for Basic Acupuncture and Dry Needling Education for Physiotherapists / Physical Therapists – Application Form

Basic Information

Institution:	
Country/Region:	
WP Mem. Org*:	
Program Title:	
Person in Charge*:	
Address:	
Email:	
Web Site / Social Media Account:	

* The Institution may not necessarily be a branch of the World Physiotherapy (WP) Member Organization (MO) of the Country/Region where it is located. However, the person in charge of the program must be a member of the WP MO



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Declaration

The applicant declares that the program seeking accreditation from IADAPT has a **minimum 80 Contact Hours** with demonstration of the following mandatory contents:

1. **Basic Concepts of Contemporary Acupuncture (Biomedical Acupuncture and Dry Needling (DN)) and/or Traditional Chinese Acupuncture.**
2. **Safe Application of Acupuncture/DN and Related Techniques.**
3. **Practical Application of Acupuncture/DN for Pain Management and Common Musculoskeletal Disorders.**
4. **Clinical Reasoning of Acupuncture/DN Treatment within Physiotherapy**
5. **Knowledge of evidence-based acupuncture/DN treatment**

A minimum of 80 contact hours is considered the basic requirement to ensure **safe acupuncture practice for Physiotherapists / Physical Therapists**. The 80 hours includes: contact hours/face to face teaching or supervised internship. Online lectures are accepted practice; however, the lectures must be given in live teleconference (face to face), rather than pre-recorded. Generally, no more than 10% of the information delivered should be provided through online teaching. Practical teaching must be provided face to face to ensure quality of demonstration, practice, supervision and assessment of return demonstration. It does not include hours of self-directed learning, unsupervised practice or examination time.

The curriculum for the program includes the following contents (please check):

- Traditional and Modern Theories of Acupuncture and Dry Needling (the balance of which is at the individual program designer's discretion)**
- Safety Guidelines and Hygienic Practice of Acupuncture/DN**
- Indications and Contraindications of Acupuncture/DN**
- Diagnostic skills**
 - **Clinical reasoning**
 - **Basic Theory and Principles of Diagnosis in TCM (the balance of which is at the individual program designer's discretion)**

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- Acupuncture Point Finding (Surface Anatomy) and Myofascial Trigger Point Identification, including major points of the limbs, back and head.**
- Practical Needling Techniques**
- Supervised Practice**
- Application of Evidence-based Practice to Treatment**

The following Formative or Summative assessments are used (please check):

- Student Presentation.
 - Written Examination.
 - Practical Examination.
 - Clinical Placement.
- We declare that at least one member of the faculty is a qualified physical therapist/physiotherapist with current membership of his/her Physical Therapy Association which in turn is a member of World Physiotherapy.

Medium of Instruction: _____
Please attach an English version of the program details, prospectus or other description of the program to IAAPT.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Notes

Upon successful accreditation of the program, IAAPT will issue a “**Certificate of Accreditation**” to the school, association or authority (the institution) holding the education program. The certificate is valid for 4-years and it is expected that the institution continuing to run the program should apply for an updated accreditation from IAAPT within the 4-year cycle. The institution may use the phrase “**Accredited by the International Acupuncture Association of Physical Therapists, an Official Sub-group of World Physiotherapy**” or its abbreviated or local equivalent to describe the program they offered while the certificate of accreditation is valid. The institution should inform IAAPT if there is any change in their curriculum (not timetable).

A certificate to the students who have undertaken and passed the assessments and are registered/member physiotherapists in a World Physiotherapy Member Organisation, may also be issued a “Certificate of Acupuncture for Physical Therapists (Physiotherapists)” for the accredited program. The application for this certificate must be initiated by the Institute that offered the program. Proof of the studentship, successful completion of the program, and the physiotherapists current registration/membership with a World Physiotherapy Member Organisation must be included in the application.

Certification for students cannot be provided by IAAPT if students are not physical therapists/physiotherapists currently registered/members of a World Physiotherapy Member Organisation.



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Fees

- Application for Accreditation of the Program: GBP300
- Application for issuance of Certificate of Acupuncture for Physiotherapists / Physical Therapists for individual students: GBP20 per each certificate

Application Procedure

Fill out relevant forms and submit it via email to chair@iaapt.wcpt.org or by mail to GPO Box 4310, Hong Kong (Attention: Kerry Fung).

All fees should be paid to the account of IAAPT via Bank Transfer or Paypal.
Invoice will be advised in due course.

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