

**Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Practitioners and Acupuncturists (CARB)**

**Pan-Canadian Standards for
Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists:**

**Performance Indicators and Assessment Blueprints
for the Entry-Level Occupational Competencies**

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Performance Indicator Grid

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	
1	Herbology					Domains of Learning & Complexities			Assessment in Registration Exam		Assessment in Educational Program			
2	Acupuncture		Occupational Competencies		Performance Indicators	Cognitive	Psychomotor	Affective	Written	Clinical Case Study	Academic	Simulated	Clinical	
3	Core													
306							1	Describe the theoretical basis for <i>tui na / an mo</i> (acupressure).	2		1	✓		x
307				2	Identify each of the major <i>tui na / an mo</i> (acupressure) techniques, including the functions and therapeutic indications of the technique.	1		1	✓		x			
308				3	Describe the therapeutic significance of <i>tui na / an mo</i> (acupressure).	2		1	✓		x			
309				4	Justify the use of <i>tui na / an mo</i> (acupressure) to achieve a specified therapeutic outcome.	3		1	✓		x			
310					<i>qi gong / tai ji</i>									
311				1	Describe the theoretical basis for <i>qi gong / tai ji</i> .	2		1	✓		x			
312				2	Describe the therapeutic significance of <i>qi gong / tai ji</i> .	2		1	✓		x			
313				3	Explain the precautions and contraindications related to <i>qi gong / tai ji</i> .	2		1	✓		x			
314					<i>gua sha</i>									
315				1	Describe the theoretical basis for <i>gua sha</i> .	2		1	✓		x			
316				2	Describe the therapeutic significance of <i>gua sha</i> .	2		1	✓		x			

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369						4	Describe the principal actions of formulas listed in Appendix 4.	2			✓		x		
370			5	Differentiate the actions of formulas within the same class, for formulas listed in Appendix 4.	2		2	✓		x					
371			6	Select formula to achieve a specified therapeutic outcome.	3		2	✓	✓	x					
372		d	combinations & compatibility												
373			1	Describe the compatibility and incompatibility of herbs.	1			✓		x					
374			2	Describe the therapeutic significance of herbal combinations.	2		1	✓		x					
375			3	Select a combination of herbs to achieve a specified therapeutic outcome.	3		2	✓	✓	x					
376		e	dosage form & methods of administration												
377			1	Describe the dosage forms of herbal formulas.	1		1	✓		x					
378			2	Describe the methods of preparation for each dosage form.	1			✓		x					
379			3	Describe the methods of administration for herbal formulas.	1			✓		x					
380		f	dosage												

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408				4	Locate the major bones, muscles, and blood supply of the head, trunk and limbs.	1	1		✓	✓	x	x	
409				5	Describe the range of joint articulation and the role of major muscles in movement coordination.	2			✓		x		
410				6	Identify the areas of the abdomen and thorax and the corresponding internal structures.	1			✓	✓	x	x	
411				7	Identify the surface anatomical structures required to locate acupuncture points.	1			✓	✓	x	x	
412				8	Identify local anatomy of locations at which acupuncture presents an inherent risk of injury.	2		1	✓	✓	x	x	
413		b	biochemical processes										
414				1	Describe the structures and functions of DNA, RNA, and proteins.	1			✓		x		
415				2	Describe the bioenergetics and metabolism of carbohydrates and lipids.	2			✓		x		
416				3	Describe the metabolism of proteins, amino acids and nucleic acids.	2			✓		x		
417				4	Explain the roles of minerals, vitamins, enzymes and hormones.	2			✓		x		
418		c	control mechanisms										

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431						4	Describe biomedical disease classification systems.	2			✓		x	
432		5.2	Relate biomedical diagnostic and treatment approaches to TCM practice:											
433		a	diagnosis and treatment methods											
434				1	Identify the purpose of commonly used laboratory tests and diagnostic procedures.	2			✓	✓	x			
435				2	Identify abnormal findings in the results of laboratory tests, examinations and diagnostic imaging.	1			✓	✓	x			
436				3	Relate abnormal findings to common diseases listed in Appendix 6.	2			✓		x			
437				4	Identify typical medical and surgical treatments for common diseases listed in Appendix 6.	1			✓		x			
438				5	Identify the underlying principles of biomedical diagnostic and treatment approaches.	2			✓		x			
439		b	pharmacology											
440				1	Identify the therapeutic effects, adverse effects and signs and symptoms of toxicity of commonly used drugs from the drug categories listed in Appendix 7.	2			✓		x			

