



NAME	Supervision Policy for Applicants and Students		
TYPE	Registration		
STATUS		VERSION	
DATE APPROVED		DATE REVISED	April 11, 2024

Intent

This policy applies to members of the College who act as supervisors to applicants or students in the practice of traditional Chinese medicine. The policy addresses the following:

1. How the College interprets the “clinical experience” requirement as set out in s. 9(1) para 2 of the Registration Regulation; and
2. The professional obligations of members who agree to supervise the clinical experience for applicants or students.

In all cases, the supervisor is ultimately responsible for the quality of care provided by those under their supervision. This includes ensuring that those under their supervision meet the expected clinical standard of care and display the expected knowledge, skill, judgment and attitude expected of a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner/acupuncturist. Furthermore, members may only supervise in the areas of TCM in which they are educated and experienced. In particular, only members who hold the R. TCMP designation may supervise herbal treatments.

Policy

1. Meeting the Program of Clinical Experience Requirement

Applicants to the College must complete a program of clinical experience in the profession that is structured, comprehensive, supervised and evaluated and which consists of at least 45 weeks of clinical experience involving at least 500 hours.¹ The College interprets “structured, comprehensive, supervised, and evaluated” as including the following criteria:

- The student is directly supervised by a member of the College in the General Class
 1. The supervisor may allow students to independently treat patients without being observed by the supervisor, once the supervisor has assessed the student’s abilities and is satisfied that the student has the necessary knowledge, skills, judgement and competencies. However, the supervisor must be immediately available to the student if needed.
- The supervisor is, at all times, physically present at the treatment location while the student treats the patient.
- The supervisor must observe interactions between the student and patient to assess:
 1. The student’s performance, capabilities, and educational needs
 2. Whether the student has the requisite competence to safely participate in a patient’s care
- The supervisor will review and sign patient records to confirm accuracy.

¹ See s. 9(1) para 2 of the Registration Regulation



It is the supervisors' responsibility to ensure that students receive comprehensive training. The College will consider the training to be comprehensive if the following requirements are met:

R. TCMP

- All patient visits completed within the 500 hours of direct patient contact must involve the full scope of traditional Chinese medicine including herbal medicine.
- If a student has completed a program of clinical training in acupuncture only, and wishes to be eligible for the R. TCMP designation, they must complete 250 hours of direct patient contact involving herbal medicine.

R. Ac

- All patient visits completed within the 500 hours of direct patient contact must involve the full scope of traditional Chinese medicine not including herbal medicine.