



College of Traditional Chinese Medicine
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Jurisprudence Course Test Instructions for Candidates

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1.0 Introduction

The College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario (CTCMPAO) is mandated by the Ontario provincial government to serve the public interest and to ensure that the TCM profession acts honestly and competently.

The Jurisprudence Course Handbook provides information on the ethical and legal framework within which TCM Practitioners and Acupuncturists practise in Ontario. The *Traditional Chinese Medicine Act, 2006* is based on the concepts of professionalism and self-regulation. The handbook describes how proper communication with patients and colleagues is fundamental to a professional practice. A review of the various laws that a TCM practitioner or an acupuncturist deals with in their practice is described so that there is an understanding of the basic principles. It does not cover all of the exceptions and special circumstances that arise in real life. Specific legal questions or advice about individual circumstances should be sought from a lawyer.

Successful completion of the Jurisprudence Course test is one requirement for registration to CTCMPAO.

This instructional booklet describes the procedures for testing, specifically for individuals wishing to register with CTCMPAO. For complete and up-to-date requirements for registration, please reference the CTCMPAO website: www.ctcmpao.on.ca.

Note:

[Click here to download a copy of the Jurisprudence Course Handbook.](#)

2.1 Jurisprudence Course Test: Process and Procedures

2.2 Overview of the Jurisprudence Course Test

The test is based on the content from the *Jurisprudence Course Handbook* (September 2013) which can be obtained online.

It is strongly recommended that all candidates carefully read and understand the material contained in the *Jurisprudence Course Handbook*.

Note:

The candidate is expected to answer the questions based on the materials contained in the *Jurisprudence Course Handbook*, and **not** based on personal opinions and preferences, or references outside of the program materials.

This is an **open-book test** which means you may bring the *Jurisprudence Course Handbook* with you. However, there are **strict requirements** on what can be brought into the test site and what can be used during the test. Read all of the procedures carefully so that you are fully informed of the requirements and restrictions.

The administration and scoring of this test is being conducted by CTCMPAO. If you have questions about the test, please direct inquiries to registration@ctcmpao.on.ca prior to arriving at the test site.

2.3 Overview of Test Procedures

- The Jurisprudence Course Test is an **open book multiple-choice test** with **30 questions**.
- All candidates are allowed up to **90 minutes** (1 1/2 hours) to complete the test.
- Candidates are permitted to bring the *Jurisprudence Course Handbook* to the test.
- Candidates are expected to **bring their personal printed paper copy** of the *Jurisprudence Course Handbook* to the test as a source of reference.
- Electronic devices are not permitted during the test, so candidates may NOT reference the *Jurisprudence Course Handbook* electronically during the test.
- This is a secure test, and **no written notes are allowed to be taken during the test**. Candidates are not permitted to copy any test questions, in whole or in part. Any candidate found taking notes or taking an electronic image of the test materials will have such materials confiscated. The candidate's test will be invalidated.
- Candidates are allowed to bring and to use a dictionary (e.g., Chinese and English dictionaries) during the test to assist with understanding of terms (see **section 2.4** for details and restrictions).
- You may not discuss with another candidate or copy from another candidate or otherwise undermine the integrity of the examination. Any act of cheating, disruption to the proceeding of the test or other candidates, breaching confidentiality or compromising the test questions may result in termination of participation in the test, invalidation of test result or other necessary action as decided by the CTCMPAO. It may also be seen as evidence of unprofessional conduct that might affect your ability to become registered with the College.

2.4 Program Materials

- ***Jurisprudence Course Handbook*** is available online.
- There are 3 main sections contained in the *Jurisprudence Course Handbook*.
 - Professionalism and Self-Regulation
 - Communication
 - Law

2.5 Use of Dictionaries

- A Dictionary (e.g., Chinese and English dictionaries) may be freely referenced during the test.
- Candidates may bring their own dictionary (book form ONLY) to use during the test.
- **Candidates may NOT use any electronic device during the test**, including any electronic device that may serve as a dictionary.
- During the test, candidates may reference a dictionary but must not write notes in the dictionary. Any candidate who writes notes of any form in their dictionary during the test may result in termination of participation in the test, invalidation of test result or other necessary action as decided by the CTCMPAO.

2.6 Materials to Bring to the Test

- Confirmation letter with assigned Candidate Number. This information will be emailed to each candidate following registration. You must bring a printed copy of your confirmation letter to the test site.
- Photo identification (e.g., driver's licence). The identification must provide photographic evidence of your identification.
- Printed paper copy of the ***Jurisprudence Course Handbook***.
- optional: dictionary (book form only, no electronic forms of dictionaries), bottle of water

2.7 Materials NOT Permitted to be Used During Test

- Any and all electronic devices are **not** permitted for any reason during the test. This includes cell phones, laptop computers, netbooks, cameras, tablet computers, etc. Any such devices must be turned off and stored away during the test.
- Briefcases, notepads, notebooks, loose paper or similar materials are NOT permitted to be accessed nor available during the test.

2.8 Registering for the Jurisprudence Course Test

- Complete registration and fee payment information for the Jurisprudence Course Test. You can find the application form on the CTCMPAO website.

2.9 Format of the Jurisprudence Course Test

- The test is a multiple-choice test.
- See **section 3** for sample multiple-choice questions.
- The Jurisprudence Course Test is paper-based.
- There are no questions that require candidates to create a written response or provide an oral response.
- The test requires the candidate to read questions in English, with or without the use of supporting dictionaries.

2.10 Scoring and Standards of the Test

- A candidate is deemed to have successfully completed the test by **correctly answering 60% of the questions**.
- All questions are weighted equally.
- Candidates are expected to select the best or most suitable answer from the choices available, based solely on the content that is provided in the *Jurisprudence Course Handbook*.
- All questions are scored as either correct (1 mark) or incorrect (0 marks).

2.11 Results of the Test

- Candidates who successfully complete the test (achieve 60% or more) are notified, by the CTCMPAO, that they have completed this requirement of their registration with College. Candidates will **not** be told their final score on the test.
- All tests that have scores below 60% will be re-scored to verify results. After scores have been verified, the candidate may not appeal decision.
- The CTCMPAO will notify candidates, who do **not** successfully complete the test, on the next steps needed to complete the Jurisprudence Course requirements.

3.1 Test Questions: Types and Samples

3.2 Types of Questions

There are only multiple-choice questions on the test:

Multiple-Choice Questions

- Select **1** of the 4 statements that BEST completes a sentence or answers a question based on Jurisprudence Course Handbook.

Sample Multiple-Choice Question

1. A TCM practitioner or acupuncturist has been awarded an honorary PhD. Can he or she place the initials PhD after his or her name on business cards?
 - a. Yes.
 - b. Yes, if accompanied by “Hon.”
 - c. No, because it is not an earned degree.
 - d. No, because business cards are used when offering to provide health care services in Ontario.

Answer: The best answer is B, Yes, if accompanied by “Hon.”

Preparing for the Test:

1. The best preparation for the test is to carefully read the *Jurisprudence Course Handbook* and to become familiar with the question types by doing the sample exam questions provided in the Handbook.
2. There is no added penalty for incorrect answers. If you are unsure of an answer, it is best to choose one answer from the available choices as you may not leave a question unanswered.