



The Monthly Qi

What's Happening at Southwest Acupuncture College

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Evolving Clinical Education during the Covid-19 Pandemic **By Susan Chaney, PhD, Santa Fe Campus Academic Dean**

Dear Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni:

Clinic is an essential part of student education at Southwest Acupuncture College. This is where students experience an integrative environment where classroom learning in an actual healthcare setting is applied practically. The Covid-19 Pandemic has forced every school in the nation to examine how to effectively administer education and clinical education comes with its own set of guidelines.

The *Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM)*, has allowed schools under its accreditation to offer a specific number of clinics as online clinics. Our clinic directors, clinic managers, and supervisors are tirelessly working to ensure that students acquire patient numbers and other important skills needed for graduation through case study review and other remote learning projects.

While practical application is essential to the development of Oriental Medicine practitioner, many professional skills can be taught online. Supervisors now have the time to fine tune efficient intake and charting, diagnosis and treatment planning, herbal formulation, emergency protocols, and professional communication skills. Students are put through the rigors of practical theoretical use. Through the improvement and enhancement of these skills, students will now be able to make efficient use of their supervisor's time when we return to campus and they present their patient cases in clinic. While there was initial skepticism, the end of summer semester evaluations from students are very positive. Some comments are as follows:

“The activities were engaging, useful, and focused on both theory and clinical aspects.” Santa Fe student.

“For an online clinic, I still learned a ton from the cases we covered this semester and I feel much more confident in point prescriptions and what adjuncts I would use.” Boulder student

“I was pleasantly surprised by how much I learned and how engaging this type of clinical experience was.” Santa Fe student

Online clinics require a lot of planning and we would like to invite our alumni and anyone in our community to share a case study in one of our online clinics. “Zoom” in and share your expertise with tomorrow's practitioners. It only takes 30 minutes to an hour of your time. Our students would love to see new faces and hear your experiences!

If you are interested in sharing your case study experiences or for more information, please contact our Clinic Directors.

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