

The Chi Farm Acupuncture Clinic, Publications and Seminars

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Advanced Acupuncture Treatment for Addictions

Approved for 6 1/2 NCCAOM PDA Points

Purpose:

The purpose of this seminar is provide the ADS trainee acupuncturist or acupuncture student who has completed the NADA clinical requirements or is in the process of doing so with additional information so that he or she can apply to the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) to receive an Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist (ADS) certificate. This will allow the acupuncturist to better serve those clients with substance abuse and addictions issues as well as supervise non-acupuncturist ADS's in states that allow this practice.

Objectives:

To successfully pass this seminar, the trainee shall:

- demonstrate proficiency in applying the NADA 5-needle Acudetox protocol;
- be able to engage in meaningful discussions pertaining to the community health arena;
- learn additional auricular and body points that can support someone with behavioral health challenges;
- gain an understanding as to how various chemical substances affect the zang/fu and five-elements;
- have sufficient knowledge and skill to supervise non-acupuncturists workings as ADS's;
- have acquired an understanding of the challenges involved in establishing and maintaining a community health program;
- understand the limitations on alternative therapies in community health settings.

Outcomes:

At the end of this one-day seminar, the trainee will:

- have shown proficiency in the application of the NADA 5-needle protocol;
- be able to apply to NADA for an ADS certificate (provided he or she has completed the 40 clinical hours);
- have acquired an understanding of the challenges and limitations of establishing and maintaining community health programs, particularly those that utilize alternative therapies;
- understand how to apply additional auricular and body points to support the behavioral health client;
- understand the requirements and implications of supervising non-acupuncturist ADS's.

Prerequisites:

- Have successfully completed the initial NADA didactic training and either has or is in the process of completing the clinical requirements.

Syllabus:

The following topics will be covered during this seminar:

- Treating special populations (e.g. pregnancy, prisons, etc.).
- Establishing and maintaining community health programs (regulations, funding, referrals, etc.)
- Applying the NADA protocol to *legal* addictions (e.g. nicotine) as well as behavioral health clients.
- Additional auricular and body points to support the behavioral health client.
- How various chemical substances affect the zang/fu and the five-elements.
- The nuances of supervising non-acupuncturist ADS's.

Attendance policy:

To successfully complete this seminar and receive full PDA credit, attendance of the entire seminar is required. The class time is 9:00am – 5:00pm with a lunch break 12:30pm – 1:45pm.