Scope of Practice

The members of this profession must call upon a distinctive, systematic body of knowledge in assessing, treating or serving their patients/clients. The core activities performed by members of this profession must be discernible as a clear and integrated whole and must be broadly accepted as such within the profession.

Traditional Chinese Medicine, also referred to as Oriental Medicine, is an established, distinctive and systematic body of knowledge.

The components of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture are numerous, but are briefly delineated as follows:

Primary Modality	**Primary Modality - Herbology**	**Primary Modality – Nutritional Counselling**
Acupuncture and Acupressure (Laser, thermal and electrical equipment can be used to administer acupuncture) • Body • Face • Hand • Foot • Auricular • Scalp • Tongue	• Plant • Animal • Mineral • Fungal	• TCM Based • Common Herbs • Vitamin and Minerals • Supplementation
Primary Modality – Moxibustion	**Primary Modality – Exercise Regimen**	**Primary Modality - Tuina**
• Cupping • Moxibustion	• Qi Gong • Tai Chi	• Massage • Guasha • TCM Orthopedics and Traumatology

The professional activities of Acupuncture according to Traditional Chinese Medicine include diagnosis based on Traditional Chinese Medicine theories; selection of principles, methods, modalities, and plans for the treatment of a patient; and the application of those treatments accordingly.

Traditional Chinese Medicine diagnosis is based on the following: inspection, auscultation and olfaction, inquiry, pulse taking, palpation and differentiation of syndromes according to the principles based on Traditional Chinese Medicine theories.

The modalities of registered Acupuncturists will include Acupuncture, Moxibustion, Nutritional Counseling, Tuina, and exercise regimen as outlined above.

At this time, the *Health Professions Act June 2010, and The Acupuncturists Regulations 2012*, pertain to Acupuncture based on Traditional Chinese Medicine and do not include the full scope of the profession. Advanced education in the field of Traditional Chinese Medicine included extensive training in Herbology. The national competencies have already been established. We have the assurance of the Government that the full scope of the profession will be regulated under the College and Council in the future.