



Title	CURRENCY HOUR POLICY
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Approval for Policy Statement	Council
Authority for Associated Procedures and Guidelines	Registrar

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for currency hours for registrants of the College of Acupuncturists of Alberta(CAA).

Application: This policy applies to the College Council, Council Committees, staff of CAA, and registrants.

Policy Statements:

A. For current registrants:

1. At all times, CAA registrants require the following currency hours to remain in good standing:
 - a) 1200 practice hours over the last 5 years, of which 600 must be direct practice hours over the last 3 years.
2. Practice hours means hours related to the practice of acupuncture. Practice hours includes:
 - a. Direct practice hours
 - b. Record keeping and documentation
 - c. Preparation for patient work
 - d. Research or writing directly related to the practice of acupuncture
 - e. Supervising acupuncturists
 - f. Consulting directly related to the practice of acupuncture

- g. Teaching that is directly related to the practice of acupuncture

Practice hours do NOT include business management activities.

3. Direct practice hours means:
 - a) Hours of practice of the restricted activity of acupuncture as defined by Schedule 1 section 3(b) of the Health Professions Act, and
 - b) Hours of practice of cupping, electro-acupuncture, acupressure and moxibustion .
4. Registrants must inform the College at renewal if their currency hours fall below the required amount. The Registrar may work with the registrant to implement a remediation plan, which may require supervision.
5. Registrants must maintain records to support their currency hours that are submitted at renewal.
6. Information provided by registrants and applicants regarding currency hours are subject to auditing by the College.
7. If Registrants choose not to engage in direct practice hours, they may be eligible for a restricted practice permit that excludes performing acupuncture.