

Principles for the Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials in Medical Science

- I. These Principles are established as per Article 1-1, Paragraph 2 of the Enforcement Rules of the Physicians Act.
- II. Admission requirements, the most recent institution from which the applicant has graduated, study duration, and curriculum of a foreign school of medicine may be recognized as equivalent to the requirements of a Taiwanese institution of the same level and kind when in accordance with the following:
 - (I) Post-baccalaureate program in medicine
 1. Admission requirements: Bachelor's degree.
 2. Institution: The institution that awards the bachelor's degree must be on the Ministry of Education's reference list.
 3. Study duration: Four years or above.
 4. Curriculum: Must be equivalent to the core competence and core curriculum in a post-baccalaureate program in medicine in Taiwan.
 - (1) Subject areas: Basic medical science and clinical medicine (see appendix).
 - (2) A minimum of 167 credits or 5,250 class/training hours should be required for graduation, among which at least 3,200 hours of clinical internship hours must be completed.
 - (II) School of medicine
 1. Admission requirements: Graduation from high school or equivalent.
 2. Institution: The high school or its equivalent from which the applicant has graduated must be on the Ministry of Education's reference list.
 3. Study duration: Six years or above. If study duration is less than six years but the local requirements for licensure examination have been met, the applicant may be considered to be in compliance with this provision.
 4. Curriculum: Must be equivalent to the core competence and core curriculum in a school of medicine in Taiwan.
 - (1) Subject areas: Basic medical science and clinical medicine (see appendix).
 - (2) A minimum of 190 credits or 5,860 class/training hours should be required for graduation, among which at least 3,200 hours of clinical internship hours must be completed.

III. Admission requirements, the most recent institution from which the applicant has graduated, study duration, and curriculum of a foreign department of dentistry may be recognized as equivalent to the requirements of a Taiwanese institution of the same level and kind when in accordance with the following:

(I) Post-baccalaureate program in dentistry

1. Admission requirements: Bachelor's degree.
2. Institution: The institution that awards the bachelor's degree must be on the Ministry of Education's reference list.
3. Study duration: Four years or above.
4. Curriculum: Must be equivalent to the core courses and core curriculum in a post-baccalaureate program in dentistry in Taiwan.
 - (1) Subject areas: basic medical science, basic oral medicine, and clinical oral medicine (see appendix).
 - (2) A minimum of 204 credits or 5,300 class/training hours should be required for graduation, among which at least 650 hours of clinical simulation (including dental morphology laboratory, operative dentistry laboratory, periodontics laboratory, endodontics laboratory, fixed and removable prosthodontics laboratory, pediatric dentistry laboratory, orthodontics laboratory, oral surgery, and anesthesiology laboratory) and at least 2,014 hours of clinical clerkship and internship must be completed.

(II) Department of dentistry:

1. Admission requirements: Graduation from high school or equivalent.
2. Institution: The high school or its equivalent from which the applicant has graduated must be on the Ministry of Education's reference list.
3. Study duration: Six years or above. If study duration is less than six years but the local requirements for licensure examination have been met, the applicant may be considered to be in compliance with this provision.
4. Curriculum: Must be equivalent to the core competence and core curriculum in a department of dentistry in Taiwan.
 - (1) Subject areas: Basic medical science, basic oral medicine, and clinical oral medicine (see appendix).
 - (2) A minimum of 235 credits or 6,096 class/training hours should be required for graduation, among which at least 748 hours of clinical simulation

(including dental morphology laboratory, operative dentistry laboratory, periodontics laboratory, endodontics laboratory, fixed and removable prosthodontics laboratory, pediatric dentistry laboratory, orthodontics laboratory, oral surgery, and anesthesiology laboratory) and at least 2,014 hours of clinical clerkship and internship must be completed.

IV. Admission requirements, the most recent institution from which the applicant has graduated, study duration, and curriculum of a foreign department of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) may be recognized as equivalent to the requirements of a Taiwanese institution of the same level and kind when in accordance with the following:

(I) Post-baccalaureate program in TCM

1. Admission requirements: Bachelor's degree.
2. Institution: The institution that awards the bachelor's degree must be on the Ministry of Education's reference list.
3. Study duration: Five years or above.
4. Curriculum: Must be equivalent to the core courses in a post-baccalaureate TCM program in Taiwan.
 - (1) Subject areas: basic medical science, basic TCM, clinical medicine and clinical TCM (see appendix).
 - (2) A minimum of 204 credits or 5,404 class/training hours should be required for graduation, among which at least 1,120 hours of TCM clinical clerkship and internship and at least 1,800 hours of TCM clinical internship must be completed.

(II) Department of traditional Chinese medicine

1. Admission requirements: Graduation from high school or equivalent.
2. Institution: The high school or its equivalent from which the applicant has graduated must be on the Ministry of Education's reference list.
3. Study duration: Seven years or above.
4. Curriculum: Must be equivalent to the core courses and core curriculum in an undergraduate TCM program in Taiwan.
 - (1) Subject areas: Basic medical science, basic TCM, clinical medicine and clinical TCM (see appendix).
 - (2) A minimum of 276 credits or 6,815 class/training hours should be required

for graduation, among which at least 1,280 hours of clinical clerkship and internship and at least 1,800 hours of clinical TCM internship must be completed.

- V. The following academic credentials awarded by foreign academic institution will not be recognized:
1. An academic credential obtained through correspondence.
 2. Certificates awarded for completion of training courses, seminars, or workshops.
 3. A doctorate conferred after completion of a dissertation, without having registered, been admitted, and taking courses.
 4. Honorary degrees.
 5. Academic credentials awarded for programs taught in Chinese in a non-Chinese speaking country or territory.
 6. Academic credentials awarded for completion of a degree program offered by a foreign institution with a branch campus in Taiwan or by an institution in Taiwan on behalf of a foreign institution without the permission of the Ministry of Education.
 7. Academic credentials obtained through distance learning.
 8. Academic credentials awarded by an institution that does not provide complete medical training courses, including placement of clinical internship courses.
 9. Admitted to the program through non-conventional admission process.
 10. The government of the country where the academic credential is awarded does not recognize academic credentials awarded by an Taiwanese institution of the same level and kind.
 11. Not meeting the local requirements for licensure examination in the foreign nation where the academic credentials are awarded.

In case of any discrepancy between the English version and the Chinese version, the latter shall prevail.

Appendix

Required Courses

School of medicine and post-baccalaureate program in medicine:

Category	Curriculum
I. Basic Medical Science	Anatomy, embryology, histology, microbiology and immunology (including human parasitology), physiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, pathology, public health, and related clinical specialties.
II. Clinical Medicine	internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, dermatology, neurology, psychiatry, surgery, orthopedics, urology, anesthesiology, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, OB-GYN, rehabilitation, related clinical case studies, and medical ethics.

Department of dentistry and post-baccalaureate program in dentistry:

Category	Curriculum
I. Basic Medical Science	Anatomy, histology, microbiology and immunology, physiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, pathology, public health, and related clinical specialties.
II. Basic Oral Medicine	Oral anatomy, dental morphology, oral histology and embryology, biochemistry, oral pathology, dental materials, oral microbiology, dental pharmacology, and related clinical specialties.
III. Clinical Oral Medicine	Endodontics, operative dentistry, periodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, dental radiology, complete denture prosthodontics, partial denture prosthodontics, removable partial prosthodontics, dental crowns and bridges, occlusion, orthodontics, pedodontics, dental public health, related clinical case studies, and medical ethics.

Department of traditional Chinese medicine and post-baccalaureate program in TCM:

Category	Curriculum
I. Basic Medical Science	Anatomy, histology, microbiology and immunology, physiology, pharmacology, pathology, public health, and related clinical specialties.
II. Basic TCM	TCM history, Basic TCM theories, Huangdi Neijing, Nan Jing, TCM formula study, TCM pharmacology, and related clinical specialties

Category	Curriculum
III. Clinical Medicine	internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, dermatology, neurology, psychiatry, surgery, orthopedics, urology, anesthesiology, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, OB-GYN, rehabilitation (including internal medicine clerkship, surgery clerkship, OB-GYN clerkship, pediatrics clerkship), related clinical case studies, and medical ethics.
IV. Clinical TCM	Cold damage disorders (studies), warm disease studies, Jingui Yaolue, symptoms and treatment in TCM, TCM diagnostics, internal TCM, TCM OB-GYN, TCM pediatrics, TCM surgery, TCM injury management, five sense organs in TCM, acupuncture, related clinical case studies, and medical ethics.