Academic Consortium for Complementary and Alternative Health Care

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ACCAHC Base: Core Organizational Members

One of the most enduring, formal interprofessional collaborations in the US
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<tr>
<th>Profession</th>
<th>Accrediting agency established</th>
<th>US Department of Education recognition</th>
<th>Recognized schools or programs</th>
<th>Standardized national exam created</th>
<th>State regulation*</th>
<th>Estimated number of licensed practitioners in the US</th>
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<td>Acupuncture and Oriental medicine</td>
<td>1982</td>
<td>1990</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>1985</td>
<td>44 states + DC</td>
<td>28,000</td>
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<td>Chiropractic[^]</td>
<td>1971</td>
<td>1974</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>1963</td>
<td>50 states + DC, Puerto Rico, and all other US territories/insular areas</td>
<td>72,000</td>
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<td>Massage therapy</td>
<td>1982</td>
<td>2002</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>1994</td>
<td>44 states + DC</td>
<td>280,000</td>
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<td>Direct-entry Midwifery</td>
<td>1991</td>
<td>2001</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>1994</td>
<td>26 states</td>
<td>2,000</td>
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<td>Naturopathic medicine</td>
<td>1978</td>
<td>1987</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>1986</td>
<td>16 states, DC, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands</td>
<td>5,500</td>
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For chiropractors and naturopathic physicians, this category uniformly represents licensing statutes; for acupuncture, virtually all states use licensure; for massage, there is a mixture of licensing, certification, and registration statutes.

[^] Although the Council on Chiropractic Education was first incorporated in 1971, there were other accrediting agencies and activities within the chiropractic profession dating back to 1935.
Interprofessional Education Defined:
"When students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes."
-(WHO Study Group on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice, 2010)

Interprofessional Collaboration Defined:
"Interprofessional collaboration is the process of developing and maintaining effective interprofessional working relationships with learners, practitioners, patients/clients/families and communities to enable optimal health outcomes. Elements of collaboration include respect, trust, shared decision making, and partnerships."
Competencies for Optimal Practice in Integrated Environments*

COMPETENCY 1 – Value and Ethics for Interprofessional Practice

COMPETENCY 2 – Roles and Responsibilities

COMPETENCY 3 – Interprofessional Communication

COMPETENCY 4 – Teams and Teamwork

COMPETENCY 5 – Evidence-based healthcare and evidence-informed practice

COMPETENCY 6 – Institutional Healthcare Culture and Practice

*1-4 by IPEC; 5-6 by ACCAHC
The Institute of Medicine Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education (IHPE)

"To meet the challenges of the 21st century, ongoing reforms must ensure that health professions education is competency-based and driven by the health needs of the local population. The global vision needs to be interpreted and implemented in light of local conditions......Many of these ideas (and the inspiration for this Forum) are drawn from the IOM Future of Nursing Report and the Lancet Commission report titled Health Professionals for a New Century: Transforming Education to Strengthen Health Systems in an Interdependent World."

The Forum's mission is to apply an ongoing, multi-national multi-disciplinary approach to illuminate promising innovations for achieving reform in instructional and institutional spheres. The Forum has over 61 appointed members who are experts and health professionals."
From Page 91 from ‘a Student View’:
"We encourage the proposed team-based education to break down professional silos. Working in health care means working in multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary teams.........What students try to teach themselves through laborious but successful efforts should not be neglected by their educational institutions....Students of all health professions in all countries should get involved in joint planning mechanisms."