

Auriculotherapy Certification Institute

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Background of the Auriculotherapy Certification Institute

The Auriculotherapy Certification Institute (ACI) was first incorporated as a non-profit educational organization in 1999, in Los Angeles, California. The first written exams and practicum exams for obtaining ACI certification were held at the International Consensus Conference on Acupuncture, Auriculotherapy, and Auricular Medicine in August of 1999. Individuals who are granted the ACI certificate are required to demonstrate high excellence in their academic knowledge and clinical skills in the treatment of various health conditions through the utilization of ear reflex points. Practitioners with ACI certification are shown on the ACI website under the *List of Practitioners* who can provide auriculotherapy in their state.

An ACI certificate does not replace the need for licensure in a specific health care field, but it does acknowledge specialty of training in this particular health care modality. Each ACI applicant is encouraged to check the regulations in the individual state where they will be practicing. Additional information and registration forms for applying for ACI certification are available on the website www.auriculotherapy.org.

Requirements for ACI Certification Process

- Completion of the *ACI Application Form* (AAF) and submission of payment of required fees. The fee is \$325 for applicants, but there is a \$100 reduction in that fee for individuals who take the exam at an ACI sponsored course.
- Completion of *Coursework in Auriculotherapy Training* form (CAT) which indicates the name of educational training organization(s), instructor(s), and dates of courses previously taken in this field.
- Copy of official transcript or a copy of the diploma from highest health care degree granting institute. An original transcript is not required.
- Copy of current state health care license or certificate related to auriculotherapy practice or indicate how the applicant will practice according to the state health care regulations of their particular state.
- Obtain a Passing score of 70% on the *ACI Written Exam*, which consists of 60 multiple choice questions. This exam covers the applicant's understanding of auriculotherapy principles and knowledge of the location and function of auricular anatomy, auricular master points, musculoskeletal ear points, internal organ ear points, and neuroendocrine ear points.
- A list of *Terms To Know* that are covered by the *ACI Written Exam* are available on the ACI website www.auriculotherapy.org. There is also a *Practice ACI Written Exam* on the website.
- Obtain a Passing score on *ACI Practicum Exam* offered by an authorized ACI examiner. The practicum evaluation will require discussion of applicant's clinical experience with auriculotherapy and auricular acupuncture, a demonstration of clinical skills using auriculotherapy techniques, materials, and equipment used in that applicant's clinical practice. The applicant will need to have access to another individual whose ear is available to demonstrate the location of different auricular reflex points.
- Submission of 20 different clinical cases that include treatment with auriculotherapy and that have been documented utilizing the *Auriculotherapy Treatment Form* (ATF) provided by ACI. These cases are usually collected after passing the ACI Written and Practicum Exams, but they may be completed earlier. The 20 individuals evaluated on the ATF include information on the patient's gender, age, race, health condition treated, clinical evaluation prior to auriculotherapy treatment, the specific auricular points stimulated, the number of treatment sessions given, and the outcome of the treatment.