

Addendum to Chinese medicine draft standards consultation paper

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On page 42 of the consultation document (within the draft standard for grandparenting) there is a reference to a discussion paper which is not included.

What it should say instead is as follows:

Adequate clinical training for practitioner courses

Adequate clinical training for practitioners is expected to be:

- Structured
- directly supervised
- formally assessed
- minimum 390 hours for undergraduate
- minimum 180 hours for post-graduate level studies by a person with an undergraduate qualification in the other area of Chinese medicine practice
- minimum 210 hours for post-graduate level studies by a person with a degree in medicine, chiropractic, nursing or other health care profession

Adequate practical training for dispensers

Courses with adequate practical training would include:

- courses that aimed to train Chinese herbal dispensers and/or Chinese herbal pharmacists (e.g. courses in China or elsewhere that specifically trained people to work in Chinese herbal pharmacies, manufacturing plants etc); and
- courses that aimed to train Chinese herbal medicine practitioners, and that included a substantial amount of education and training in herbal dispensing

The Board would appreciate your assistance with the distribution of this information to members of the Chinese medicine profession of other stakeholders.