

## American College of Anthroposophic Medicine Certification Criteria 2016

ACAM's certification process in anthroposophic medicine invites all interested MD and DO physicians as well as Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in the United States, and all interested MD's in Canada, to apply.

The prerequisites for beginning the certification process are described below. Once these criteria are met (1-5), an application may be obtained from the ACAM Secretary by contacting Dr. Joan Takacs by phone or email at (503) 234-1531 or joantakacs@gmail.com. The application and fee must be submitted along with two clinical cases and a mentor's letter of recommendation. Once the board has received the necessary documents, the application will be reviewed and the applicant notified of the Board's decision.

Criteria for certification in Anthroposophic Medicine are as follows:

1. The applicant shall be licensed to practice medicine as an MD or DO, or NP or PA within the United States, or licensed as an MD in Canada.
2. The applicant shall be of high moral and ethical standards and be in good standing in the general medical and anthroposophic communities.
3. The applicant shall be committed to the ongoing development of the knowledge and practice of anthroposophic medicine.
4. The applicant shall give evidence of educational study and training in the basics of anthroposophy and anthroposophic medicine (such as participation in the five-year IPMT course), or one year's full-time training, or an equivalent experience. Exceptions to this requirement may be made at the Board's discretion.
5. The applicant shall give evidence of at least two years of anthroposophic clinical training in one of the following ways: in the applicant's own practice under a recognized mentor, at an anthroposophic clinic or hospital, or at an established anthroposophic medical practice. Recognized mentorship means the mentorship of an anthroposophic physician who already has a certificate from ACAM or from the Medical Section at the Goetheanum. This clinical training may be done concurrently with the educational training. Exceptions may be made at the Board's discretion.
6. The applicant shall submit two case histories from his or her clinical experience in writing. Each case shall discuss the principles of anthroposophic medicine relevant to the case and demonstrate a working knowledge of the fundamentals. Please see attached guidelines and resources.
7. The board will review the application, request additional information and clarification as needed, and decide regarding certification within 90 days of receipt of the completed application. In some instances, the board may request a conversation to discuss the cases. If certification is not granted, the board will provide feedback to the applicant, including recommendations for additional study or training.

*\*Criteria developed by the Board of the American College of Anthroposophic Medicine, revised and approved April 2016*

