ACCUPUNCTURIST

Job Description:

**Acupuncturist** include preparing herbal treatments, collecting the medical history of patients, and treating patients using needles and other tools. Acupuncturists should be licensed and certified, equipped with proven Acupuncturist experience, and strong assessment skills. Acupuncturists work with fine needles inserted at point on the body’s meridians to help return the body into balance. They also may add herbal remedies to the treatment.

Job Responsibilities:

* Talk with clients about their symptoms, medical history, and desired results
* Assess client condition by conducting brief health history and interview, observing client and interpreting findings
* Maintain safe and clean treatment environment and adhering to Clean Needle Technique protocols; complying with procedures, rules, regulations, and laws
* Administer acupuncture treatment using sterile, single use needles at specified locations to address patient’s chief complaint
* Evaluate effects of treatments by observing, noting, and evaluating patient’s progress; modifying when necessary
* Document patient treatments by charting in records
* Adhere to strict guidelines regarding guest health information
* Educate patients on the quality of life benefits of consistent acupuncture care.
* Provide a recommended course of treatment.
* Cleaning procedure table and equipment after each client
* Restocking of supplies as needed
* Know when to terminate a session or when not to initiate a session and refer to a medical professional
* Maintaining treatment records
* Recognizing health issues that need a referral to another healthcare provider
* Formulate herbal preparations to treat conditions considering herbal properties such as taste, toxicity, effects of preparation, contraindications, and incompatibilities.
* Maintain and follow standard quality, safety, environmental and infection control policies and procedures.
* Adhere to local, state and federal laws, regulations and statutes.

Job Qualifications:

Receptionist qualifications are basic and do not require a specific degree, license, or certification.

* Masters in acupuncture or diploma from acupuncture institute required
* State license in good standing required
* Certification by the NCCAOM (National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine) required
* Bachelors in related field such as kinesiology or physical therapy preferred
* Experience as an acupuncturist

Opportunities as an acupuncturist are available for high graduates without experience in which more than one acupuncturist is needed in an area such that an experienced acupuncturist will be present to mentor.

Job Skills Required:

* Working knowledge of human meridians
* Working knowledge of herbal medicines
* Working knowledge of human anatomy and physiology
* Understanding of pathology and related conditions treatable by acupuncture
* Endurance to perform multiple massages per shift
* Working knowledge of various massage technique and styles
* Great interpersonal skills
* A professional attitude and appearance
* Strong written and verbal communication skills
* Cultural competence and ethnic sensitivity
* Good listening skills
* Customer service oriented
* Respect for client, customer, and visitor confidentiality
* Knowing when something is out of the scope of practice of an acupuncturist