



**Exam Webinar 8/26/2019
Notes**

Welcome from Samantha Conboy, CCH, CHC President and Tami Herndon, CCH, Executive Administrator.

Benefits

NCCA validation of practitioner expertise and standards equates homeopathy with other certified healthcare professions.

Board-certified achievement designates CCH homeopaths as qualified practitioners.

Profession-building credential promotes greater legal and public recognition of homeopathy.

Established recertification process builds practitioner knowledge beyond entry-level.

Reinforced understanding about homeopathy ethics and practice in North America instills quality.

CHC committee volunteerism and board nomination supports the homeopathy profession.

CCH-eligible benefits offered by homeopathy organizations, homeopathic pharmacies, and professional liability insurance strengthens the community.

Exam Eligibility Requirements

For the October 2019 exam, exam applicants must have completed the following prior to applying for the exam:

- **500 foundational/classroom hours and 250* clinical training hours in classical homeopathy** completed through programs accredited by ACHENA (achena.org), through schools that have completed Step 3 or greater in the ACHENA accreditation process, through programs approved by the College of Homeopaths of Ontario (collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca), or through programs outside of North America. Transcripts from programs outside of North America must be officially evaluated by an outside transcript evaluation service such as American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (aacrao.org), Educational Credential Evaluators (ece.org), or World Educational Services (wes.org) **and** determined equivalent by the CHC. Individuals whose transcripts are not determined equivalent are asked to complete additional training.

All applicants trained outside of the US or Canada must meet all CHC exam eligibility

requirements. At a minimum, the classical homeopathy curriculum must include 500 hours of study in the foundations of homeopathy (Historical and Theoretical Aspects of Classical Homeopathy, Materia Medica, Repertory, Health Science, Homeopathic Case Taking, Initial Homeopathic Case Analysis, Posology, Follow-up and Case Management) and 250 hours of supervised clinical training completed at a homeopathy school. The CHC does not have reciprocal agreements with any homeopathic certifying, licensing, or registering organizations outside of the United States or Canada.

- One college-level-equivalent course in Anatomy/Physiology
- One college-level-equivalent course in Human Pathology

For the April 2020 exam and beyond, exam applicants must have completed the following prior to applying for the exam:

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Exam Day Policies and Procedures

As noted in the CHC Certification Handbook, Exam Day policies include the following:

- No outside materials or references inside exam room
- No electronic devices (phones, computers, etc.) inside exam room
- **The No break policy has changed; if needed, a bathroom and water break may now be taken. Please bring a clear water bottle with no labeling.**
- No eating or drinking during exam
- No test misconduct during exam

Please plan to arrive at the Testing Center at least 15 minutes prior to your exam start time. To be admitted to the testing center, you must provide the Webassessor Assessment Purchase Confirmation email you received after you scheduled the exam and two (2) forms of photo ID. In the US, Social Security cards are not an acceptable second form of ID.

The exam duration is exactly four hours (240 minutes) and your exam computer will automatically start and stop at the beginning and ending of the exam.

Certification Process

Applicants who pass the exam are considered Candidates for certification CCH(Cand). If a candidate has completed all 500 homeopathy clinical training hours, a CCH-certified practitioner will conduct an informal Orientation Discussion phone call with the Candidate to review CHC policies and homeopathy community opportunities. After the discussion, the Candidate's certification is processed and the CCH credential is awarded.

If a candidate has not completed all 500 homeopathy clinical training hours, she or he has two years to complete any remaining required hours. During this candidate phase, Candidates pay semi-annual fees (in October and April each year) to maintain an active candidate status until all certification requirements are met. After a Candidate becomes certified, annual recertification (beginning the calendar year after the year the Candidate is certified), which includes CEU submissions and fee payment, is necessary to maintain a good standing status.

Q&A

1. If someone has a medical condition that requires eating during the 4-hour exam period, is this allowed?

To be approved for food consumption during the break, submit the ADA modifications form (found at homeopathicdirectory.com under the Exam tab, Resources subtab) and a note from a healthcare practitioner (homeopaths are included in this group) to hcinfo@homeopathicdirectory.com as soon as possible. No food is allowed in the exam room.

2. Will examinees need to bring a repertory and pencil and paper to the exam?

No outside reference materials, including paper and pencil, are allowed in the test center. The test proctor will provide a pencil and one piece of scratch paper for use during the exam. The paper and pencil must be returned to the proctor at the end of the exam.

3. Must applicants who pass the exam submit cases to the CHC to obtain full certification?

No cases are submitted to the CHC during the certification process. All clinical training requirements will have been completed in the ACHENA-accredited school homeopathy programs.

4. What are the clinical training requirements?

To achieve full certification, CCH Candidates who took/take the New CHC Certification exam between January 2016 and January 2020 must provide documentation of remaining classical homeopathy clinical training hours within two years of passing the exam.

Total CCH certification clinical training requirements of 500 hours include:

- Up to 360 hours of observation and analysis
- At least 140 hours (10 cases credited 10 hours each for initial consultations and 2 hours each for follow-ups or 14 hours per case) of independently taken and written-up initial cases with two follow-ups

Both types of clinical training must be completed through programs approved by ACHENA ([achena.org](http://www.achena.org)) through schools that have completed Step 3 or greater in the ACHENA accreditation process, through programs approved by the College of Homeopaths of Ontario (<http://www.collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca>), or under the direction of CCH-, DHANP-, CHO-, or DHT-certified supervisors. Applicants who completed clinical training through homeopathy programs outside of the US and Canada must have their transcripts evaluated for equivalency prior to applying for the exam:

- Transcripts from programs outside of the US or Canada must be officially evaluated by an outside transcript evaluation service such as American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers ([aacrao.org](http://www.aacrao.org)), Educational Credential Evaluators ([ece.org](http://www.ece.org)), or World Educational Services ([wes.org](http://www.wes.org)) **and** determined equivalent by the CHC. Individuals whose transcripts are not determined equivalent are asked to complete additional training. Please visit [achena.org](http://www.achena.org) and/or <http://www.collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca> for information about ACHENA- and CHO-approved programs.

5. What application documents are required?

To apply for the CHC exam, applicants must upload the following into the CHC application system:

- School transcript that details didactic and clinical training
- School transcript(s) that detail Anatomy/Physiology and Human Pathology courses
- Third-party Education Evaluation Report that provides a course-by-course evaluation of transcripts from homeopathy programs outside of the US or Canada

6. How is the test scored?

The CHC reports exam scores using a scale of 100 to 300. A scale score is a floating scale used to adjust for differences in difficulty among exam versions to ensure fairness and consistency. This represents a best practice for professional exams. The minimum passing score is 255.

7. What kinds of questions are on the exam; how long is the exam?

All of the exam questions are asked in a multiple choice format, including case analysis. The exam is four hours (240 minutes).

8. Where can I find study materials?

The CHC Certification Handbook (found at homeopathicdirectory.com under the Exam tab, Resources sub-tab) contains study guides, example questions, a reference list, and a remedy list.

9. Note:

Due to a programming limitation, the Webassessor invoice will show a \$500 amount due even if you are retaking the exam at the retake cost of \$325. Please ignore this and enter the voucher number provided to you by the CHC. The voucher will cover the correct cost that is associated with your exam.