Blueprint Summary
PAN-CANADIAN TCM MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

SUMMARY CHART – PAN	-CANADIAN MULTIPLE-	CHOICE (QUESTION CO	OMP	ONENT			
STRUCTURAL VARIABLES								
Length and Format	The examinations are computer-administered.							
	The examinations consist of operational questions that are scored as well as up to 10%							
	of experimental questions that are not scored.							
		TCM Practitioners Acu			upuncturists	TCM Herbalists		
	Total Questions	175 questions		125 questions		125 questions		
	Duration	3.5 hou	rs	2.5	hours	2.5 hours		
Question Form and	The component contains independent multiple-choice questions.							
Presentation								
Cognitive Ability Levels	Remembering 20% – 30%							
	Comprehension & Application 35% – 50%							
	Analysis and Interpretation 20% – 30%							
Percentage of	Practice Areas		TCM		Acupuncturists	TCM		
Examination Questions	Fractice Areas		Practitione	ers		Herbalists		
by Practice Areas	1. Interpersonal Skil	ls						
	2. Professionalism		5% - 9%		5% - 9%	5% - 9%		
	3. Practice Management							
	4. Traditional Chines			0/	23% - 33%	26% - 36%		
	Medicine Found			%				
	5. Fundamentals of		11% - 17%		11% - 17%	11% - 17%		
	Biomedicine	Biomedicine		70	11/0 - 1//0	11/0 - 1/70		
	6. Diagnostics and	6. Diagnostics and		0/	26% - 36%	25% - 35%		
	Treatment		25% - 35%		20/0 - 30/0	23/0 - 33/0		
	7. Acupuncture Techniques		5% - 9%		10% - 16%	n/a		
	8. Herbal Dispensary		5% - 9%		n/a	8% - 14%		
		Management						
	9. Safety		5% - 9%		5% - 9%	5% - 9%		
CONTENTAL MARIABLES								
CONTEXTUAL VARIABLES								
Patient Demographics	The Pan-Canadian multiple-choice question component may include questions							
Lifernan	pertaining to individuals, families, and groups such as populations and communities.							
Lifespan	Questions are included that relate to lifespan, from preconception through to advance							
Practice Environment	age, including end of life. The practice environment can be any setting or circumstance within the scope of							
Practice Environment	3			_				
	practice defined by pr		_	_				
	Acupuncturists and/or TCM Herbalists can practice in a variety of settings and because							
	most of the competencies are not setting dependent, the practice environment is only specified when required.							
TCM Illnesses and	Items pertaining to the TCM illnesses include, but are not limited to, Internal							
Formulae	Medicine (<i>Nei Ke</i>), External Medicine (<i>Wai Ke</i>), Obstetrics and Gynecology (<i>Fu Ke</i>),							
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	Total Questions	55	40	40					
	Duration	3.5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours					
Question Form and	The examinations co	ntain a mixture of cas	e-based and indeper	ndent multiple-choice,					
Presentation	multiple-select, and drag-and-drop (e.g., matching, reorder) questions.								
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Cognitive Ability	Remembering 10% – 15%								
Levels	Comprehension & Application 35% – 55%								
	Analysis and Interpretation 35% – 55%								
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Percentage of	Practice Areas	TCM	Acupuncturists	TCM					
Examination		Practitioners		Herbalists					
Questions by Practice	Interpersonal Skills	5 - 9%	5 - 9%	5 - 9%					
Areas	Professionalism	27. 27.4	20. 200/	25 250/					
	Traditional Chinese		29 - 39%	25 - 35%					
	Medicine Foundation Fundamentals of	5 - 9%	8 - 12%	4 - 8%					
	Biomedicine	5 - 9%							
	Diagnostics and	33 - 43%	36 - 46%	34 - 44%					
	Treatment	33 43/0	30 4070	34 4470					
	Herbal Dispensary	6 - 10%	n/a	8 - 12%					
	Management								
	Safety	6 - 10%	6 - 10%	6 - 10%					
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