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## AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine Receives Reaffirmation from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges through 2024

**AUSTIN, Texas, December 12, 2014** — AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine received the maximum 10-year reaffirmation from the <u>Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges</u> (SACSCOC) at the annual meeting in Nashville, TN. This is the highest level of regional accreditation that can be granted.

"This validates the fulfillment of our mission: transforming lives and communities through graduate education in Oriental medicine. It affirms the quality and integrity of our academic medical programs," reported AOMA President William Morris. "The rigorous standards required by SACSCOC allow students, graduates, and patients to feel confident about the quality of education received at AOMA."

AOMA offers both a master's degree and a doctoral degree in acupuncture and Oriental medicine. The regional accreditation allows for graduates to participate as learners and faculty within the university and college educational systems of the United States.

As part of the reaffirmation process, AOMA developed a carefully designed and focused clinical experience that will improve student learning outcomes. According to Master of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine degree Program Director Lesley Hamilton, "Clinical education will more closely align with real-world experience, providing students with a staged clinical experience at the very busy AOMA clinics."

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## About AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine

AOMA prepares students for careers in acupuncture and Oriental medicine. The master's and doctoral degrees are regionally accredited. The internationally recognized faculty and award-winning clinical internships contribute to the quality of the herbal and acupuncture programs.

AOMA collaborates with healthcare institutions, such as the Seton Family of Hospitals and People's Community Clinic, by providing free and reduced-price treatments to people in need.

AOMA provides education, clinical, and herbal dispensary services at two locations in Austin. For more information see <a href="https://www.aoma.edu">www.aoma.edu</a> or call 512-492-3034.