

## **Provincial Medical Acupuncture Association, Inc.**

The Provincial Medical Acupuncture Association is an association for health care professionals practicing acupuncture based upon current medical concepts of neurophysiology, neuroanatomy, and pathophysiology. Medical acupuncture may be defined as the stimulation of the peripheral nervous system through the insertion and stimulation of acupuncture needles in order to induce reflex neuromodulatory responses (sensory, motor, or autonomic) for therapeutic purposes of treating pain and dysfunction.

### **Eligibility Guidelines for Membership**

To become a registered member of the Provincial Medical Acupuncture Association, Inc. requires the candidate to meet the following criteria:

- 1) Have completed and received a diploma through a program of study from a recognized university-level acupuncture program that is accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. These accredited programs have stringent entrance and prerequisite requirements that meet the Provincial Medical Acupuncture Association's standard. The currently approved programs are:
  - (a) Acupuncture Foundation of Canada – University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine. Minimum completion of levels 1, 2A & 3A.
  - (b) Contemporary Medical Acupuncture Program – McMaster University, Department of Anesthesia, Hamilton.
  - (c) CMCC Clinical Acupuncture Certificate Program – Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, Toronto
- 2) Submit a completed application for registration with a copy of your diploma from one of the above listed programs.
- 3) Pay in full the prescribed membership fees and annual dues.
- 4) Satisfactorily complete the entrance examination, as deemed appropriate by the association.