

International Agency for Chiropractic Evaluation



Overview

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Introduction

The International Agency for Chiropractic Evaluation (IACE) was founded by experts in chiropractic education, regulation and testing on January 4, 2001 to advance vertebral subluxation-centered chiropractic. IACE was chartered in the United States of America in the State of Iowa on March 28, 2001 as a non-profit corporation whose purpose was to be a chiropractic education and evaluation resource. The founding members were Ralph Boone, DC, PhD; Myron Brown, DC; E.L.R. Crowder, DC; Dan Kuhn, DC; Irene Gold, MA, DC; Joseph Strauss, DC; and Russell Grazier, DC.

Proficiency Testing:

IACE was called upon to fulfill a need to evaluate the proficiency of chiropractic practitioners in Argentina. Recognizing that no other agency capable of evaluating the proficiency of vertebral subluxation-centered practitioners existed, the Asociación Quiropráctica Argentina (AQA), the Argentine national chiropractic association requested competency and proficiency testing of their qualified members. IACE accepted the invitation to provide assessment in the philosophy of chiropractic and in the knowledge and skills relevant to safely and effectively locating and correcting vertebral subluxations as well as case management.

A pool of experts in the field was compiled and examinations were prepared, planned and administered by IACE in Argentina beginning in 2001.

Recognition:

The IACE, as a recognized authority in vertebral subluxation-centered chiropractic education and evaluation, has provided consultation and examination services. IACE was called upon to assist in the development of a curriculum by the Fundación Quiropráctica Argentina (FQA), an Argentinean non-profit organization that facilitated chiropractic course material for Universidad Empresarial Siglo XXI, an accredited university in Argentina. Successful completion of the IACE exams has been required by Universidad Siglo XXI as an entrance requirement for its Diplomatura program, a post-graduate training program in chiropractic. On September 30, 2008 IACE was also recognized as an authority on chiropractic education by the Peruvian Chiropractic Association.

Accreditation/Certification: In 2012 the Sustainability Committee (SC), a think tank dedicated to the advancement of vertebral subluxation-centered chiropractic, observed that there was a need for an accreditation agency capable of and focused on the evaluation of vertebral subluxation-centered education. The SC suggested that based on available expertise and experience, IACE was well situated to establish this resource. In response to this finding and an analysis of the professional environment, the IACE passed a resolution on October 20, 2012 accepting the charge to explore the processes, procedures and planning necessary to initiate the development of a framework to fill this void. IACE subsequently assembled panels of experts to plan,

organize and compile the structure necessary to offer an Accreditation/Certification function.

IACE Accreditation/Certification:

Constituents including the public, governmental agencies and prospective students typically look for verification of academic integrity. In chiropractic education IACE is unique in its rigorous focus on educational quality relevant to vertebral subluxation-centered practice and as a result constituents can be assured that institutions accredited or certified by IACE meet this high standard.

Institutions benefit from the Accreditation/Certification with IACE in the following ways:

- IACE Accreditation/Certification utilizes efficient virtual processes adding efficiency and cost-effectiveness to the process.
- The IACE self-evaluation process supports planning and improvement by helping institutions identify programmatic strengths and weaknesses.
- IACE Accreditation/Certification promotes excellence. It is qualitative by design, focused on educational outcomes and encourages innovation.
- The IACE Standards are highly relevant to vertebral subluxation-centered practice.

IACE self-governs through a Board of Directors. Its members represent academic programs, administrators, professional practice, and the public. A Commission on Accreditation/Certification is appointed by the Board of Directors to develop, maintain, apply, and regularly review the IACE accreditation/certification processes and the standards for Accreditation/Certification.

Two Types of Status:

The IACE Commission on Accreditation/Certification offers two types of recognition for educational institutions, “accreditation and certification.” Both accreditation and certification are academically rigorous and should be considered equivalent statuses, providing their constituency with assurance regarding the academic quality of these vertebral subluxation-centered programs.

A. Accreditation: IACE Accreditation is institutional as the stability of the entire institution is taken into consideration. It tends to be most applicable for circumstances where the vertebral subluxation-centered program is the only training offered.

- **Accreditation**
- **Candidate for Accreditation**
- **Accreditation Applicant** (not an Accreditation/Certification status).

B. Certification: IACE Certification is programmatically focused on the vertebral subluxation centered curriculum, relevant planning and outcomes. It is most applicable for circumstances where the vertebral subluxation-centered program may not be the only training offered.

- **Certification**
- **Candidate for Certification**
- **Certification Applicant** (not an Accreditation/Certification status).

2012 – 2015 Key steps taken toward IACE’s preparation to operate as an agency performing accreditation/certification:

The IACE Board was expanded increasing its depth and diversity.

- New IACE Board officers were elected to fill out additional categories of expertise.
- By laws review and revisions.
- IRS 501 C-3 status obtained.
- A Commission on Accreditation/Certification was appointed.
- A study was completed to review and evaluate contemporary accreditation practices. Taking these findings into consideration a draft of accreditation/certification documents was proposed.
- An international Pool of Experts was engaged in a validation study of the accreditation/certification documents.
- Subsequent to revisions of the draft, the IACE Board approved the Accreditation/Certification documents.
- The IACE Board appointed an Executive Director and authorized the agency to function.
- Additional Commissioners were appointed in 2014 to fill the various categories of expertise comprising the Commission on Accreditation/Certification.
- Fund raising steps taken.
- An initiative undertaken to explore Post-graduate accreditation/certification and appointment of a Task Force on Advancement of Post-graduate Training.
- Design and planned training of Pool of Site Evaluators.

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