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Good Morning Doctor,

The Academy presented to the Post-Graduate Directors in March at the ACC-RAC conference. This was the release of the 2010 Master of Science: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation document to the profession. It is a paradigm shift in how future chiropractic orthopedists are taught. The post-grad directors asked for a template to follow and this document provides not only a pathway for obtaining a Diplomate in orthopedics, but a tract for an advanced degree if you so choose. This document outlines credit hours for the Diplomate portion and 12 credit hours for the Masters component. Clock hours are no longer used, but the traditional college credit system. We are also recommending the institutions have forensics, manipulation under anesthesia (MUA) and pharmacology as electives for the candidates to choose should they wish to do so through this process.

The Masters effort is timely for a number of reasons. The website now has both the AMA resolution 814 and the follow up report. Please read these carefully and look around the country and see the problems that have flared-up legislatively. Problems that are happening in Texas and the military/VA just two name a couple of areas.

The Academy anticipates the potential interest for orthopedics will increase not only among the general practitioner for this advanced degree, but Diplomates who have completed the process in years past. The Academy expects that there will be at least 3 ways to obtain the Masters degree. Ultimately, the host institutions will be responsible for the degree criteria.

1. Residency – 2 years
2. Hybrid residency - candidate in practice at least 2 years and 1 year residency.
3. Non-traditional - For those candidates who have obtained an orthopedic Diplomate in the past. On line course work and Masters Thesis and a presentation of the work for publication.

Call for Graduate Instructors\Professors

Chiropractic Orthopedics is looking for interested doctors to teach in an advanced degree program, Master of Science: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. Instructors\Professors from different specialties and disciplines are also asked to apply. If you have areas of expertise, please send a copy of your curriculum vitae to:

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We are very fortunate at present in orthopedics to have a stable of very good instructors teaching the current Diplomate candidates.

The website www.dcorthoacademy.com has an outline of the proposed class material. Your portfolio will be made available to any and all institutions with your permission.

These are some forward thinking recommendations. The Academy is aware of current trends in education and it is our goal to have orthopedics moving with the educational trend in the 21st century.

Change is the law of life...John F. Kennedy

The Academy is looking for members who would like to help in the re-designing of the Academy website. You will be working with a Board member and the webmaster. Please send an e-mail to the address on the website. Ideas welcome! Thanks!

Spring is here...both figuratively and educationally.