

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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GENERAL BIOLOGY REQUIREMENT

Dear Applicant:

243 CMR 5.03(1)(b)1 requires that an applicant complete 3 semester hours or the equivalent of three semester hours of general biology. The Committee on Acupuncture (COA) has voted that a general biology course generally means a BIO 101 course. In addition, the COA has voted to accept the following courses as fulfilling this general biology requirement.

1. Microbiology
2. Advanced Biology
3. Biochemistry

If any other course was taken where there was a Biology prerequisite, then the applicant must submit proof of the prerequisite requirement. Proof may consist of a course catalog showing the prerequisite requirement, etc.

YOUR TRANSCRIPT SHOULD LIST THREE (3) SEMESTER HOURS OR ITS EQUIVALENT OF GENERAL BIOLOGY. THE COURSE SHOULD BE LISTED ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT AS GENERAL BIOLOGY. If your transcript lists a course by any other name and you wish to substitute that course as the equivalent of (3) semester hours or its equivalent of general biology, the Licensing Subcommittee for Undergraduate and or Acupuncture Educational Requirements (Subcommittee) must review each request. **The Subcommittee meets approximately one month prior to a Committee on Acupuncture (COA) meeting and your materials must be received by the Acupuncture Unit by the deadline date. See the letter dealing with License Applications Deadlines for the dates of the meetings.**

In order for this review to be done, the applicant must submit one of the following:

- A detailed course description.
- A detailed course syllabus.
- A letter from the professor who taught the course stating that the course was equivalent to a 3 semester hour course in general biology, or

- A letter from the professor who is now teaching the course stating that the course is equivalent to a 3 semester hour course in general biology.

If you have any questions, please contact the Licensing Division at (781) 876-8210.

Sincerely,

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