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Description: VA/DOD Course Program

Most acupuncturists did not serve in the military or have experience working in a hospital setting.

The purpose of the DOD/VA Orientation Course Project is to provide information (in other words, don't hide the ball) that will allow acupuncturists to have a smoother transition when entering either military or hospital environments who have no prior military or hospital experience. The modules can be taken separately based on the needs of the acupuncturist or as a complete course series. The 5 modules consist of Military Rank Structure/Military Culture, Patient Care, Medical Knowledge, Inter-Professional Communication/Professionalism and Systems-Based Practice.

To ensure we get this right, the group who is creating this series consist of prior military, serve as acupuncturists in university training hospitals, VA care providers in private practice as well as an acupuncturist with experience with both DOD and VA medical systems. To ensure we design it correctly for online we also have an online instructional designer with 20 years experience.

If you have any questions or wish to convey the things you wish you knew before you started your position in either of these environments to ensure we cover it, please contact Christine Cronin at secretary@asacu.org.