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Section 5: Online Class Policy

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5.1 Instructor & Class Requirements

5.1.1 Explanation of Requirements

5.1.1.1 All instructors teaching Ortho-Bionomy's required classes in the Practitioner (PTP) and Advanced Practitioner (AFTP) Training Programs must explain to the students that online instruction cannot replace the hands-on experience from in-person classes and must print the following statement on all class handouts: *"Online instruction cannot replace the hands-on experience from in person classes, and students should seek out extra support from an instructor or their advisor as needed."*

5.1.1.1.1 All Online classes require real-time instructor interaction and are to be documented as "Online" on certificates and on the program record form.

5.1.1.1.2 Online classes require that all students have their video turned on for the entire class. Exceptions can be made in situations of extreme technological limitations, at the Instructor's discretion. [2023.8.14]

5.1.1.1.3 Online classes with Instructor interaction taken before May 1, 2021, will be granted full credit with Advisor's approval.

5.2 Classifications of required classes:

5.2.1 Group 1

5.2.1.1 Hands-on Classes: Phase 4, Exploration of Movement, Isometrics, Phase 5, Phase 6, Postural Re-Education and Post Techniques, and Chapman's Reflexes. The Group 1 classes have credit restrictions listed below.

5.2.2 Group 2

5.2.2.1 Practitioner Training Seminar, Demonstration Skills, Elements of a Successful Practice, Anatomy and Physiology, Phase 7, and Ethics and Emotional Issues.

5.2.3 Group 3

- 5.2.3.1** Cranial, Residential, feedback sessions, and evaluation sessions must be in person.

5.2.4 Group 4

- 5.2.4.1** The Society of Ortho-Bionomy International (SOBI) online conference may be credited as if there were real-time instructor interaction. The SOBI online conference is the only exception to the real-time instructor requirement. [2021.07.09]

5.3 Training Programs

5.3.1 Associate Training

- 5.3.1.1** One online class from Group 1 can be used as an elective.
- 5.3.1.2** Any of the ethics options may be taken online. [2026.02.20]

5.3.2 Practitioner Training Program (PTP)

- 5.3.2.1** 32 units of Group 1 classes can be online. This is 20% of the 160-unit PTP hands-on requirement.
- 5.3.2.2** Full credit will be given for Group 2 online classes.
- 5.3.2.3** A maximum of 3 online Study Groups (9 units) may be taken online.
 - 5.3.2.3.1** With advisor approval, more online Study Groups may be taken and credited as consultations.
- 5.3.2.4** With advisor approval, online classes taken that exceed the PTP requirements may be rolled over into the Advanced Practitioner Training Program as electives.

5.3.3 Advanced Practitioner Training Program (AFTP)

- 5.3.3.1** 32 units of Group 1 classes can be online. This is 23.5% of the 136-unit AFTP hands-on requirement.
- 5.3.3.2** Full credit will be given for Group 2 online classes.
- 5.3.3.3** 42 units of Elective classes may be online. This is 35% of the 120-unit Electives requirement.
- 5.3.3.4** A maximum of 6 online Study Groups (18 units) may be taken online.
 - 5.3.3.4.1** With advisor approval, more online Study Groups may be taken and credited as consultations.
- 5.3.3.5** Fifteen documented sessions may be live online sessions. This is 10% of the 150-unit documented sessions requirement.

5.3.4 Instructor Training Program

- 5.3.4.1** A maximum of two online Bench Assists and one online Co-Teach are allowed.

5.3.4.2 With advisor approval, exceptions could be made to include more online Bench Assists.

5.3.4.3 One online ITS is allowed, either Part I or Part II. [2024.03.18]

5.3.5 Advanced Instructor Training Program

5.3.5.1 A maximum of two online Bench Assists and one online Co-Teach are allowed for Associate Advanced and Advanced Instructor training combined. [2026.02.20]

5.3.5.2 With advisor approval, exceptions could be made to include more online Bench Assists.