

CERTIFICATION FOR ADVANCED COMPETENCY IN DRY NEEDLING (CertDN)

ODNS has long offered a Certification in Dry Needling, which consists of completing Level I and II courses, submitting case studies for review, and successfully completing a written examination. This exam emphasizes clinical application of dry needling as it applies to the treatment of musculoskeletal conditions.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Level I and Level II ODNS Dry Needling courses. Within 1 year of the ODNS Dry Needling Level 2 Course, you must complete the Certification process.

Objectives: ODNS Certification in Dry Needling aims to encourage further study and practical application of these techniques. The components of the certification are as follows:

Written examination: The online written examination pass grade is 70%. This examination is timed and open book in design. The examination tests the student's ability to apply their knowledge of safety, clinical reasoning, and advanced anatomy to the practice of dry needling.

Case Studies: Upon completion of their Level II course, students are invited to begin the process of certification. With their Level II course certificate, they will be sent the Case study template and the marking rubric. The Case Study template is a fillable form, and the marking rubric serves as a guide to the student to guide their case study work.

Students are required to submit 2 case studies. One or both of these cases must include the techniques learned in both Level I and Level II. Case studies are submitted to Jenny Sanchez (jennycsg@iaom-us.com) at IAOM-US within a year of registration. They are reviewed by advanced dry needling assistants and lecturers and marking and critiques are returned to the student. The passing grade is 70%.

Acceptable case studies include documentation of the ability to apply dry needling with the right choice of patient position, needle gauge and size, hand position and technique; to document response, overall patient outcome, and incorporate it into their overall rehabilitation plan and other treatment techniques. Special attention is given to safety, efficacy and clinical reasoning.

Registration: Please go to the payment link on our website. Email for inquiries related to registration and payment questions to Jenny Sanchez (jennycsg@iaom-us.com)

Upon registration for Dry Needling Certification, the student will be sent a link to take the written exam, and will again receive the Case Study form with marking Rubric. After registration, the student must complete their Certification process within 1 year.

On successful completion, the practitioner earns the ODNS Certification for Advanced Competency, and can use the initials "CertDN" professionally.

GRADING CRITERIA FOR ODNS CERTIFICATION IN DRY NEEDLING

Online Written Examination:

- Randomized multiple-choice questions
- Each question has one correct answer only
- Each question on the test is worth the same value
- Examination is administered online, is open book and times out after 90 minutes.
- Pass mark is 70%

Case Studies:

Your 2 case studies are accepted based on the following criteria:

- Must include the use of techniques learned from both Level I and II courses.
- Include documentation of the ability to apply dry needling with the right choice of patient position, needle gauge and size, hand position and technique.
- Document patient response, overall patient outcome, and incorporate it into your overall rehabilitation plan and other treatment techniques.
- Special attention is given to safety, efficacy and clinical reasoning.
- Case studies are graded with a rubric, given with the template after successful completion of Level II.
- Case studies must be submitted to Jenny Sanchez (jennycsg@iaom-us.com) at IAOM-US on the template provided within a year after registration for certification.
- Pass mark is 70%.

ODNS Case Study Rubric Grading Sheet

Student Name:

Case Study #

Examiner name and email:

Date marked:

		Totals	Comments
PART 1: PATIENT SELECTION			
Treatment Diagnosis	0...1	/1	
History: who, what/duration, when, where, why/onset 1pt each	0...1...2...3...4...5	/5	
Tests and Measurements	0...1...2...3	/3	
Clinical Assessment	0...1...2...3	/3	
Treatment Plan: DN techniques <i>and</i> other such as manual therapy, movement therapies	0...1...2...3	/3	
		/15	SUB TOTAL
PART 2: TREATMENT			
Session 1: Needling			
Patient position	0...1...2...3	/3	
Needle selection	0...1...2...3	/3	
Performance: location, hand position, direction, depth, detail 1pt each	0...1...2...3...4 5	/5	
Patient response	0...1...2...3	/3	
<i>Integration</i> : other techniques/movement therapies described	0...1...2...3	/3	
		/17	SUB TOTAL
Session 2: Needling			
Patient position	0...1...2...3	/3	
Needle selection	0...1...2...3	/3	
Performance: location, hand position, direction, depth, detail 1pt each	0...1...2...3...4 5	/5	
Patient response	0...1...2...3	/3	
<i>Integration</i> : other techniques/movement therapies described	0...1...2...3	/3	
		/17	SUB TOTAL
Session 3: Needling <i>as needed</i>			
Patient position	0...1...2...3	/3	
Needle selection	0...1...2...3	/3	
Performance: location, hand position, direction, depth, detail 1pt each	0...1...2...3...4 5	/5	
Patient response	0...1...2...3	/3	
<i>Integration</i> : other techniques/movement therapies described	0...1...2...3	/3	
		/17	SUB TOTAL
Session 4: Needling <i>as needed</i>			

Patient position	0...1...2...3	/3	
Needle selection	0...1...2...3	/3	
Performance: location, hand position, direction, depth, detail 1pt each	0...1...2...3...4 5	/5	
Patient response	0...1...2...3	/3	
<i>Integration</i> : other techniques/movement therapies described	0...1...2...3	/3	
		/17	SUB TOTAL
Additional paragraphs			
Summary of case outcome	0...1...2...3	/3	
Needling discussion: safety, integration, patient consent	0...1...2...3	/3	
		/6	SUB TOTAL
			TOTAL
			% SCORE

****Students may only have 2 treatments sessions (minimum requirements) therefore, total points will be adjusted accordingly.**

CASE STUDY TEMPLATE

PRESENTER NAME AND EMAIL:

LEVEL 2 LOCATION & DATE:

CASE STUDY #

TREATMENT DIAGNOSIS:

HISTORY OF PRESENT COMPLAINT:

PRESENTING S&S:

1.

OBJECTIVE FINDINGS:

1.

TREATMENT PLAN/POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

1.

TREATMENT RECORD: *(List all techniques / treatments used but explain needle techniques and results fully.)*

SESSION 1:

SESSION 2:

SESSION 3:

SESSION 4:

DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO NEEDLING: