

# Advanced Physical Therapy Education Institute



## APTEI ACUPUNCTURE & DRY NEEDLING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

*"Clinically applicable, effective and evidence-based needling"*

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Former vice president of the Ontario Association of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine.

APTEI provides an innovative and practical Continuing Medical Education Program for busy health care practitioners. The APTEI Acupuncture & Dry Needling (**ADN**) program has proven to serve two specific populations:

- 1. PT's with no previous Acupuncture experience.** Under high standards of teaching & examination they learn to **confidently apply needling into their practice immediately**.
- 2. PT's with some or extensive Acupuncture experience.** They learn additional practical techniques and point combinations and re-enforce knowledge previously acquired.

Also, based on the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario regulations, Physiotherapists **can apply acupuncture immediately after taking the APTEI ADN courses upon the successful completion of the assessment of knowledge and skills following each course.**

SPDN is an effective motor point needling technique used with or without an Acupen for the purpose of pain reduction, tissue healing and muscle lengthening.

The ADN program also incorporates **electro-acupuncture, acupressure and cupping, which focus on stimulating "Chi"** in order to promote a healing response. In addition, we offer ongoing mentorship through email and telephone calls.



*"Very impressed with the practical component of the course! Didn't expect so much practical on an introductory course! Really good!!" - Imelda Hennebert, PT*

*"These courses are great as they are easy to follow, go through clinic scenarios and you can immediately apply in practice what you learn!" - Rohini Telang, PT*

*"I now feel an appreciation for acupuncture. Better understand its relation to physiotherapy" - Jemma Stoute Calender, PT*

*"Wished I had started the process of learning needling sooner!" - Jody Easton, PT*

# APTEI Acupuncture & Dry Needling (ADN) Program

Each Advanced ADN course is designed to be one-day in length (9am-5pm). For PTs with no needling experience, the 2-day introductory course is required prior to continuing with further advanced courses. Upon the successful completion of the four (4) APTEI ADN advanced courses, registrants may complete an examination process and receive the APTEI

**“Advanced Acupuncture & Dry Needling Certification”.**

**2026 DATES**

For specific ADN course details, please visit [www.aptei.ca](http://www.aptei.ca)

Note: The Introduction or basic needling experience is required for the advanced courses EARLY REGISTRATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AS ENROLMENT IS LIMITED	
ADN Course	Location Queen West Physiotherapy & Acupuncture 345 Queen Street West, Brampton, ON
<input type="checkbox"/> ADN: Introduction (2-day course) Immediately Applicable Needling (14 hrs)	Fri. Oct 23 & Sun. Oct 25, 2026
<input type="checkbox"/> ADN: Cervical & Thoracic Region (ADN: Intro required)	Sun. June 14, 2026
<input type="checkbox"/> ADN: Certification Examination	Sun. June 14, 2026
<input type="checkbox"/> ADN: Lower Extremity (ADN: Intro required)	Sat. September 26, 2026
<input type="checkbox"/> ADN: Lumbo-pelvic Region (ADN: Intro required)	Sat. October 17, 2026
<input type="checkbox"/> ADN: Upper Extremity (ADN: Intro required)	Sat. November 14, 2026
<input type="checkbox"/> ADN: Cervical & Thoracic Region (ADN: Intro required)	Sat. December 5, 2026