

## Section 5: Online Class Policy

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### 5.1 Instructor & Class Requirements

- 5.1.1 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 All Online classes require real-time instructor interaction and are to be documented as "Online" on certificates and on the program record form.
- 5.1.1.2 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}
- 5.1.1.3 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: 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: 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: Cranial, Residential, feedback sessions, and evaluation sessions must be in person.
- 5.2.4 Group 4: 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.

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### 5.3 Student Member Programs:

#### 5.3.1 Students in the Associate Member Program

- 5.3.1.1 One online class from Group 1 can be used as an elective.
- 5.3.1.2 Ethics may be taken online to fulfill the program requirement.

#### 5.3.2 Students in the 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** Online classes that exceed the PTP requirements, listed as “Additional Classes” on the record form, may be rolled over into the Advanced program as electives with advisor approval.
- 5.3.3 Students in the 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** Fifteen documented sessions may be live online sessions. This is 10% of the 150-unit documented sessions requirement.
- 5.3.4 Study Groups**
- 5.3.4.1** A maximum of 3 online Study Groups (9 units) will be accepted for credit in the PTP.
  - 5.3.4.2** A maximum of 6 online Study Groups (18 units) will be accepted for credit in the AFTP.
  - 5.3.4.3** More online Study Groups may be taken and credited as consultations with advisor approval.
- 5.3.5 ITS and AITS Trainees**
- 5.3.5.1** A maximum of two online bench assists and one online co-teach are allowed.
  - 5.3.5.2** Exceptions could be made to include more bench assists with Advisor’s approval.
  - 5.3.5.3** Trainees may do virtual supervised teaches with the approval of one Advisor. [2020-6-3]
  - 5.3.5.4** One online ITS is allowed.

## Addendum

### Abbreviations Key and Definition:

- BoD - Board of Directors
- CRC - Curriculum Review Committee
- IRC - Instructor Review Committee

- ITS - Instructor Training Seminar
- PRC - Practitioner Review Committee
- PTP - Practitioner Training Program

## **Definitions**

**In Good Standing** – Current member, dues paid, no grievances, signed trademark, Code of Ethics agreements on file. Instructor members also must have signed Instructor/Board agreement on file

**Policy** – Protocol, requirements, definition or rules to be followed

**Procedure** – Actions, operations, function, methods or steps followed to execute protocol

**SOBI Administrative Policy (Admin)** – Protocol utilized to define the organization's structure

**SOBI Training Policy (Train)** – Protocol utilized to define SOBI training

## **Date Format**

The date of the policy format yyyy.mm.dd

## **Miscellaneous Information**

These Policies have been pulled from their original documents and placed into a numbered format.

Note: There are instances where procedure is included in this Policy document, to provide clarity of the Policy.