



Emerging Career: Acupuncturist

Acupuncturists insert needles in the skin to treat health-related ailments.

We said: What is being an Acupuncturist all about?

He said: It's about practicing medicine using traditional Chinese methods. Acupuncture involves inserting thin needles into the skin to stimulate specific parts of the body. Asthma, hay fever, chronic pain and the flu can all be treated. I also work with patients to promote good health practices such as diet and exercise.



We said: What are the best and hardest parts of being an Acupuncturist?

He said: The best part is helping others. My goal is to help my patients be healthy. The goal of acupuncture is to help the body heal itself. The hardest part is running a business and billing insurance companies. The paperwork is endless.

We said: How did you get started as an Acupuncturist?

He said: I was interested in medicine and went to college to study bio-chemistry. Then a friend was hurt in a car accident. In order to deal with the residual pain, he went to an acupuncturist. I was so impressed with the treatment plan that I started reading about Chinese medicine and acupuncture. After graduation, I went on to complete 4 years of study in oriental medicine.

Secrets of the trade...



Acupuncturists train in many aspects of Chinese medicine.



Most states license, certify or register Acupuncturists.



The ability to work with people is important!