

Acupuncture

Licensure Requirements & Information

It is unlawful for any person to practice acupuncture in Florida unless such person has been licensed by the board or is otherwise exempted by Chapter 457, Florida Statutes.

Basic Licensure Requirements

- At least 21 years of age
- Completion of a National Certification Process
- Passage of an Examination offered by the NCCAOM or State Examination approved by the Board as Substantially Equivalent
- Proof of English Proficiency (only for applicants that have passed the national written examination in any language other than English)
- Fees
- Proof of Professional Liability Coverage
- Completion of a Training Program
- 2 hours - Medical Errors continuing education

Training Program Criteria

Enrolled in Program Prior August 1, 1997

Completion of 2-years of study, which includes but is not limited to:

- Western Anatomy
- Western Physiology
- Western Pathology

Apply for Licensure on or after October 1, 2003

Completion of an ACAOM candidate or accredited 4-year master's level program or foreign equivalent in oriental medicine with minimum of 2700 hours of supervised instructions:

- Western Anatomy
- Western Physiology
- Western Pathology
- Western Biomedical Terminology
- First Aid
- CPR
- 15 hours - Supervised Instruction in Universal Precautions Applicable to Needling Techniques
- 20 hours - Florida Laws & Rules

Enrolled in Program On or After July 31, 2001

Completion of 8 hour program that incorporates the safe and beneficial use of laboratory test and imaging findings

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Examination Information

The Board currently approves as the Florida Examination for licensure the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) examination, consisting of the Foundations of Oriental Medicine Module, the Acupuncture Module and the Point Location Module.

All applicants should contact the NCCAOM directly to take the examination.

National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)
76 South Laura Street, Suite 1290
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Phone: (904) 598-1005
Fax: (904) 598-5001
<http://www.nccaom.org/>

Tips for Expediting the Licensure Process

- Please read all application instructions, and the laws and rules governing the practice of Acupuncture, before completing your application. Errors & Omissions on the application increase processing time.
- Once your application and fees are received and validated, you will be sent a postcard giving the date of receipt of the application to the mailing address given in your application.
- Within 30 days of this date, you will be sent a written application status notice or your eligibility letter, as applicable.
- No application is complete until all required documentation and fees are received.
- Applications are reviewed and processed in the order in which they are received in the board office.
- All transcripts must be the final official school copy and submitted directly from the school (school seal must be embossed on the transcript).
- Address all correspondence with your name, and put to the attention of the Board of Acupuncture.
- Send a copy of the CCAOM CNT course completion certificate OR the school can place the 15 hours on the transcript or complete the form attached to the application.
- Remember to have your insurance company send proof of insurance or proof of exemption.
- Request the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) to send a copy of your Certified Diplomat Status form to the Board of Acupuncture. You may send a request to the NCCAOM, 76 South Laura Street, Suite 1290, Jacksonville, FL 32202 or call 904-598-1005.

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Fees and application with corresponding documentation must be mailed to:

Department of Health-MQA
Board of Acupuncture
P.O. Box 6330
Tallahassee, FL 32314-6330

Supporting correspondence not associated with any fees must be mailed to:

Department of Health-MQA
Board of Acupuncture
4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-06
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3256