

Eligibility Checklist

Acupuncture Licensure

This worksheet is not a guarantee of eligibility nor is it an exhaustive list, but it's a good starting point. Not getting a checkmark in a numbered section may mean you are ineligible or may mean you will have to meet further requirements to become eligible. Please refer to Board Rules, Chapter 184, for complete licensure requirements.

Education

1. Pre-Acupuncture Education

____ Completion of at least 60 semester hours of college courses

2. Program of Graduation (United States, Canada)

____ Complete acupuncture training from an acceptable approved acupuncture school as defined in Rule §184.1(3)

____ Completion of at least 450 hours of the required acupuncture training in herbal studies/training

3. Program of Graduation (International)

____ Proof of your eligibility to practice in the country in which you graduated. All documentation that is not in English must be translated into English.

____ Submit a copy of your license to practice in the country where your acupuncture school is located. If you do not have a license, have the licensing authority in the country where your acupuncture school is located submit a letter regarding eligibility to practice as an acupuncturist.

Examinations

4. Passage of all components of the NCCAOM examination

____ Within 5 attempts per component

____ If taken before June 1, 2004, components include: the Comprehensive Written Exam (CWE), the Clean Needle Technique Portion (CNTP), the Practical Examination of Point Location Skills (PEPLS), and the Chinese Herbology Exam

____ If taken on or after June 1, 2004, components include: the NCCAOM Foundation of Oriental Medicine Module, Acupuncture Module, Point Location Module, the Chinese Herbology Module, and the Biomedicine Module

5. Passage of the CCAOM Clean Needle Technique Course and Practical Examination

6. Texas Medical Jurisprudence Examination

____ Score of 75 or better, unlimited attempts

Demonstration of Competence

7. Current Clinical Practice as an Acupuncturist

____ Demonstrates clinical practice as an acupuncturist within the last 3 years preceding the date of Application by currently practicing as an acupuncturist involving treatment of persons, enrollment as a student in an acceptable approved acupuncture program, or appointment as an active teaching faculty member in an acceptable approved acupuncture program.

Other Eligibility Requirements

8. Proof of English proficiency

9. Disciplinary History

___ Has not been issued a license, certificate, or registration as an acupuncturist in this state or from a licensing authority in another state that is revoked or suspended; or

___ Is not subject to probation or other disciplinary action for cause resulting from the applicant's acts as an acupuncturist.

10. Criminal History

___ Has no pending prosecution in any state, federal, or Canadian court for any offense that under the laws of this state is a felony or a misdemeanor that involves moral turpitude.