

Part 2625: Chapter 1 The Practice of Acupuncture

Rule 1.3 Qualifications for Licensure. On or after July 1, 2009, applicants for acupuncture licensure must meet the following requirements:

- A. Satisfy the Board that he or she is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and of good moral character.
- B. Satisfy the Board that he or she is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America.
- C. Submit an application for license on a form supplied by the Board, completed in every detail with a recent photograph (wallet-size/passport type) attached. A Polaroid or informal snapshot will not be accepted.
- D. Pay the appropriate fee as determined by the Board.
- E. Present a certified copy of birth certificate or valid and current passport.
- F. Submit proof of legal change of name if applicable (notarized or certified copy of marriage or other legal proceeding).
- G. Provide information on registration or licensure in all other states where the applicant is or has been registered or licensed as an acupuncturist.
- H. Provide favorable references from two (2) acupuncturists licensed in the United States with whom the applicant has worked or trained.
- I. Provide proof, directly from the institution, of successful completion of an educational program for acupuncturists that are in candidacy status or accredited by ACAOM, NCCAOM or its predecessor or successor agency that is at least three (3) years in duration and includes a supervised clinical internship to ensure that applicants with an education outside the US are recognized because of the NCCAOM review process for foreign applicants.
- J. Pass the certification examinations administered by the NCCAOM and have current NCCAOM Diplomate status in Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine that is consistent with one of the following:
 1. If taken before June 1, 2004, pass the Comprehensive Written Exam (CWE), the Clean Needle Technique portion (CNTP), and the Practical Examination of Point Location Skills (PEPLS).
 2. If taken on or after June 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2007, pass the NCCAOM Foundations of Oriental Medicine Module, Acupuncture Module, Point Location Module and Biomedicine Module.
 3. If taken on or after January 1, 2007, pass the NCCAOM Foundations of Oriental Medicine Module, Acupuncture Module with Point Location Module, and the Biomedicine Module.
- K. If applicant is a graduate of an international educational program, provide proof that the applicant is able to communicate in English as demonstrated by one of the following:
 1. Passage of the NCCAOM examination taken in English.
 2. Passage of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a score of 560 or higher on the paper based test or with a score of 220 or higher on the computer based test.
 3. Passage of the TSE (Test of Spoken English) with a score of 50 or higher.

4. Passage of the TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) with a score of 500 or higher.
- L. Provide proof of successful completion of a CCAOM-approved clean needle technique course sent directly from the course provider to the Board.
- M. Provide proof of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification from either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.
- N. Provide proof of malpractice insurance with a minimum of \$1 million dollars in coverage.
- O. Appear for a personal interview in the office of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board and submit for a criminal background check.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-71-13 (1972, as amended)*.