

**21 NCAC 10 .0208 ACUPUNCTURE**

(a) In order to perform acupuncture, a licentiate or applicant for licensure shall first certify to the Board that he or she has completed a minimum of 200 hours of instruction sponsored or given by a chiropractic college accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or a college or university accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the US Department of Education. The 200 hours of instruction must contain at least 30 percent practical, hands-on hours. Individual classes can only be taken once for credit. To perform acupuncture, a licentiate shall also take the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Acupuncture Examination and receive a passing score of 375 or greater.

(b) Prior to performing acupuncture, a licentiate or applicant for licensure must provide the Board with the following:

(1) An official transcript from an accredited acupuncture program demonstrating completion of the 200 hours of instruction described in this Rule; and

(2) Proof of successful completion of the acupuncture examination described in this Rule.

(c) Licentiates holding an active license as of December 31, 2022 and who have received prior approval from the Board to perform acupuncture are not required to meet the requirements of this rule. However, if a licentiate grandfathered under this rule subsequently allows his or her license to lapse or if the license is subsequently subject to active suspension or placed in a status other than active, the licentiate shall be required to comply with this Rule before being permitted to perform acupuncture.

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