

OREGON MEDICAL BOARD

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ACUPUNCTURE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS GRADUATES OF NON-ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

*For applicants who **DID NOT** graduate from an ACAOM accredited, candidate, or approved equivalent acupuncture program, who are licensed as an acupuncturist in another state, and who have practiced for five years prior to July 1, 1998.*

DEADLINES: Applications are valid for one year from the date filed. Submit the application form and the \$245.00 filing fee by the *application-filing deadline* shown on page one of your application. The Acupuncture Advisory Committee will review applications at their regularly scheduled biennial meetings. To be granted permanent license at the Board meeting date shown on page one of your application, the Board must receive all other required documentation by the *file completion deadline*. Documentation required from other sources may arrive before the application form and filing fee. Documents older than six months that reflect an on-going/current status will require resubmission in order for an application file to be granted a complete status. **Please be sure to notify the Board of any change in your address or phone number as soon as possible.**

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with OAR 847-070-0015 and OAR 847-070-0016, applicants must:

- Have five years of licensed clinical acupuncture practice in the United States prior to July 1, 1998, with a minimum of 500 Acupuncture patient visits per year and
 - Provide two affidavits from office partners, clinic supervisors, accountants, or others approved by the Board who have personal knowledge of the years of practice and number of patient visits per years
 - Provide notarized copies of samples of appointment books, patient charts, and financial records, or other documentation as required by the Board
 - Provide documentation of successful completion of the ACAOM western medicine requirements in effect on July 1, 1998
- Have practiced as a licensed acupuncturist in the U.S. during five of the last seven years prior to application for Oregon licensure.
 - Licensed practice includes clinical practice, clinical supervision, teaching, research, and other work as approved by the Board within the field of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.
 - Provide notarized copies of samples of appointment books, patient charts, and financial records, or other documentation as required by the Board
- Documentation of successful completion of the ACAOM western medicine requirements in effect on July 1, 1998 which are:
 - 360 hours of western science coursework that contains the following subject areas:
 - Relevant biomedical and clinical concepts and terms
 - Relevant human anatomy and physiological processes
 - Relevant concepts related to pathology and the biomedical disease model
 - The biomedical clinical process including history taking, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up
 - The clinical relevance of laboratory and diagnostic tests and procedures, as well as biomedical physical examination findings
 - Relevant pharmacological concepts and terms including knowledge of potential medication, herb and nutritional supplement interactions, contraindications and side effect
- Documentation of current certification in Acupuncture by NCCAOM if the applicant passed the NCCAOM Acupuncture Certification Examinations, or has been certified through the NCCAOM Credentials Documentation Examination

- Have provided evidence of good moral character

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM:

Type or print in black ink only. Answer all questions to avoid delay in processing the application. Resumes are not acceptable. If additional space is required, attach a signed and dated addendum. Estimate dates if necessary, but complete all dates in full, showing month and year, confirming employment and education dates with employers and educational institutions. The Oregon Medical Board (Board) will return the application for completion if any questions are unanswered or dates are incomplete. Read and follow all instructions thoroughly.

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Name: Show your full, **legal** name. If your name includes Jr., II, III, initial only, or no middle name, please indicate this on the application. Your complete legal name must be shown on your certificate of registration and engrossed license and all licensees must practice their profession under the that appears on their license. You will be required to verify your **legal** name with documentation by submitting an official birth certificate and name change documentation, if you have changed your name as listed on the birth certificate. You must be licensed only under a legally documented name.

Other Names: List all other names (first, middle, and last) that you have used since birth. A copy of any **legal** name change documentation is required. You must be licensed only under a legally documented name.

Social Security Number: As part of your application for license or renewal of your registration you are required to provide your Social Security Number to the Oregon Medical Board. This is mandatory. The authority for this requirement is ORS 25.785, ORS 305.385, 42 USC § 666(a)(13), 42 USC § 405 (c)(2)(i) and 45 CFR § 61.7 (3)(b). Failure to provide your Social Security Number will be a basis to refuse to issue or renew the license, certification or registration you seek. Your Social Security Number will remain on file with the Board and will be used for child support enforcement by Child Services Division, for tax administration and required reports to the National Practitioner Databank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Databank (NPDB-HIPDB). The Board may also use your Social Security Number for identification and investigative purposes and for the collection of delinquent fines assessed by the Board.

Home & Practice Address/Phone: Provide your COMPLETE home address and practice address (if applicable) and indicate which address you would like the Board to use as your mailing address. Also, include your home and daytime telephone numbers so that Board staff can call you if necessary.

E-mail address: Provide your e-mail address if you wish to receive e-mail communications on the status of your application as it progresses through the application process. Please be aware that e-mail is not a secure medium of communication and that e-mail may contain confidential (personal) information.

Acupuncture Training Program/Diploma Date: Provide the name and location of the Acupuncture program from which you graduated. Also, provide the graduation date as shown on your diploma.

Candidacy Status of Acupuncture Training Program: Check the YES or NO box to indicate whether the Acupuncture program you graduated from was ACAOM accredited or in candidacy status at the time of your graduation, or has been evaluated to be equivalent to the ACAOM standard by a private, state government or foreign government agency. ***If your Acupuncture program was not accredited or in candidacy status when you graduated, you will be required to document to the Board's satisfaction that a private, state government or foreign government agency evaluated your acupuncture program and determined it to be equivalent to the ACAOM standard or must qualify for licensure under OAR 847-070-0016(c).***

NCCAOM Certification Date/Number: Please indicate the date you took, or will take, the NCCAOM acupuncture certification examination. If you have taken the examination, provide your certificate number if you have not yet taken the examination write the word "pending". The point location and written portions are required. If you took the exam in a language other than English, or received certification by the NCCAOM Document Credentials Review, documentation of English proficiency will be required. Verification of your NCCAOM certification is required.

Military Service: If you have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, list the branch of the military you served in and the dates of service.

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Health Related Licenses: List all health related licenses and/or certificates that you have applied for (granted or denied), still possess, or have had in the past. Regulatory agencies and/or boards must mail verification **directly** to the Board; a faxed verification is not acceptable. In order to expedite verification to the Board contact the agencies and/or boards to determine if a fee is required prior to requesting verification of licensure.

Education, Employment, & Other Activities: List your activities for the past ten years. If you were unemployed, traveling, or moving during a particular period list this as an activity. Due to the variety of activities an applicant may perform at one time, overlapping dates for activities are expected. Do not leave any gaps longer than one month. Fill in the month and year as closely as you can recall, confirming dates with employers and educational institutions. **Dates must be complete or the application will be returned.**

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PERSONAL HISTORY QUESTIONS: If you answer any of the questions "yes," furnish **thorough** (*who, what, when, where, why, and how*) details on page 5. Attach an addendum if necessary, signed and dated. Failure to provide **all** details will delay the processing of your file. Third parties must send documentation **directly** to the Board.

CATEGORY I

Question 1

Applicant to provide full details to include state/province, reasons/circumstances, and possible disciplinary action.

Licensing Board to provide full details, and include copies of any legal documents.

Question 2

Applicant to provide full details to include state/province, type of examination failed, and dates and grades (if known) for each failure.

Question 3, 4, and 5

Applicant to provide states, dates, and reasons/circumstances.

ensing Board to provide full details including reasons and include copies of any legal documents.

Question 6

Applicant to provide full details including dates and reasons.

State Narcotic Office/Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to provide full details and include copies of any legal documents.

Question 7

Applicant to provide full details of the arrest, the dates, places, and disposition of the case.

Police Department/Court to provide a Certified Copy (with court seal affixed) of the original charge, the judgment, the sentence and/or the dismissal order or other such documents which reflect the disposition of the matter.

Question 8

Applicant to provide full details to include the agency conducting the investigation as well as the reasons for the criminal or civil investigation. Provide a copy of documents, reports and correspondence.

Investigating Agency to provide full details concerning to reasons for the investigation.

Question 9

Applicant to provide full details to include details of the case, where/when incident occurred, disposition of the case, judgment, etc. Please indicate if the case is still pending. Provide a copy of the documents, reports and correspondence.

Court to provide full details concerning reasons for the investigation.

Question 10

Applicant to provide full details to include the agency/party with which the settlement was entered as well as the reasons for and conditions of the settlement. Provide a copy of the documents, reports and correspondence.

Agency/Party to provide full details concerning the circumstances, results, and copies of any legal documents.

Question 11

Applicant to provide full details to include name of patient, where/when incident occurred, disposition of the case, judgment, etc. Please indicate if the case is still pending. Provide a copy of documents, reports and correspondence. In most cases, the applicant's written explanation of the situation is all that is required.

However, in some cases the Board will request that the applicant request information directly from the source.

Malpractice Carrier/Court may be requested to provide documentation of the claim, case, judgment, etc.

Question 12

Applicant to provide the length of time you did not practice health care profession and the reason why, as well as your activities, **(medical, or non-medical)** for that period of time.

Question 13

Applicant to provide name of the training program, dates and reasons/circumstances.

Hospital/School/Training Program to provide full details concerning the circumstances, results, and copies of any legal documents.

Question 14

Applicant to provide full details to include the name of the hospital, clinic, surgical center, dates, and reasons/circumstances.

Hospital/Employment to provide full details including dates, circumstances, results, and copies of any legal documents.

CATEGORY II

Question 1

Applicant to provide full details and dates regarding this treatment. If any medications were prescribed, furnish the names, dosages and the dates the medications taken. Include the names and addresses of the treating psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, clinical therapist, or counselor and dates of treatment or therapy.

Treatment Provider to provide a full report to include Family History/Physical; Individual Assessment and Evaluation; Psychiatric Evaluation; Psychosocial Assessment; Discharge Summary and Discharge Plan for Continued Care or the equivalent, and send letters and/or reports directly to this Board.

Question 2

Applicant to provide full diagnosis, details, and dates regarding this treatment. If any medications were prescribed, furnish the names, dosages, and the dates the medications were taken. Include the names and addresses of the treating psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, clinical therapist, or counselor and dates of treatment or therapy.

Treatment Provider to provide complete details of treatment or counseling, including dates, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis. Request the appropriate official at the hospital to provide a full report to include Family History/Physical; Individual Assessment and Evaluation; Psychiatric Evaluation; Psychosocial Assessment; Discharge Summary and Discharge Plan for Continued Care or the equivalent, and send all letters and/or reports directly to this Board.

Question 3

Applicant to provide full details and dates regarding this treatment. Include the names and addresses of the treating psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, clinical therapist, or counselor and dates of treatment or therapy.

Treatment Provider to provide complete details of treatment or counseling, including dates diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis. Request the appropriate official at the hospital to provide a full report to include Family History/Physical; Individual Assessment and Evaluation; Psychiatric Evaluation; Psychosocial Assessment; Discharge Summary and Discharge Plan for Continued Care or the equivalent, and send all letters and/or reports directly to this Board.

Question 4

Applicant to provide full details and dates regarding this treatment and/or hospitalization. Include the names and addresses of the treating psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, clinical therapist, or counselor and dates of treatment or therapy.

Treatment Provider to provide a full report to include Family History/Physical; Individual Assessment and Evaluation; Psychiatric Evaluation; Psychosocial Assessment; Discharge Summary and Discharge Plan for Continued Care or the equivalent, and send all letters and/or reports directly to this Board.

Police Department/Court to provide a Certified Copy (with court seal affixed) of the original charge, the judgment, the sentence and/or the dismissal order or other such documents which reflect the disposition of the matter. Letters/reports to be sent directly to this Board.

Question 5

Applicant If you received treatment related to this chemical substance screening test, provide full details and dates regarding treatment. Include names and addresses of the treating psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, clinical therapist, or counselor and dates of treatment or therapy.

Source to provide complete details of treatment or counseling including dates, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis; all letters and/or reports to be sent directly to this Board. Hospital report must include Family History, Physical, Individual Assessment, and Evaluation, Psychiatric Evaluation, Psychosocial Assessment, Discharge Summary and Discharge Plan for Continued Care or the equivalent.

Question 6

Applicant to provide full details and dates to include the name and location of the diversion program, regulatory board, healthcare program or facility, and/or court, and reasons for and results of entering the program.

Source to provide treatment records and any court/legal documents directly to the Board.

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Identification Information: Fill in the identification information on the top left side of the page. Please read, print, and sign the section Release/Affidavit of Applicant and have it notarized.

Photograph: Staple a color 2" x 2" passport photograph taken, signed, and dated within 90 days of application in the space indicated. Instant Polaroid snapshots with thick backing and computer-scanned photos are NOT acceptable. The signature and date on the photograph must be on the **front of the photograph and must not cover your face**. NOTE: the Board will return your application if the photograph does not meet this criteria.

DOCUMENTS THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT- FAXED DOCUMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED:

As a permanent part of your application file, the Board will retain all documents and photographs. DO NOT send original documents - photocopies are acceptable unless otherwise stated. Copies must be legible. All documents must be no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches. If your originals are too large, you must have the copies reduced to the correct size.

- **Acupuncture Diploma:** Submit a copy of your acupuncture diploma. **IF IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, THE BOARD REQUIRES AN OFFICIAL, WORD-FOR-WORD TRANSLATION.**
- **Birth Certificate:** Provide a **copy** of your official birth certificate issued by the state or country in which you were born. A hospital birth certificate is not acceptable. If your birth certificate is in a language other than English, provide a word-for-word notarized English translation. The following are acceptable translators:
 - An employee of a professional translating company
 - A member of the American Translators Association
 - A faculty member of the modern languages or linguistic department of a United States college or university

The translation must be on official letterhead, and bear the translator's certification seal. **NOTE: The Board will not return translations to the applicant.** All information appearing on the document must also appear on the translation each time it appears on the original document. This includes pre-printed information, such as the letterhead of a university, titles, etc. The translation must be attached to the copy of the document being translated.

- **Naturalization/Affidavit Form:**
Required if applicant is born in country other than the United States and does not have a birth certificate. Since it is a violation of law to copy a naturalization document, the Board will mail you a Naturalization Affidavit

form after the submission of your application. Please follow the instructions on the Affidavit thoroughly. Again, please do not submit a copy of your naturalization paper.

- **Name Change Documentation:** If you have been legally known by names other than that exactly listed on your birth certificate, a copy of name change documentation is required (marriage certificate, divorce decree with marriage certificate, naturalization affidavit, or court order). Copies of driver's license, social security card, passport, etc, will not be accepted as documentation of a legal name change. **IF IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, THE BOARD REQUIRES AN OFFICIAL, WORD-FOR-WORD TRANSLATION.**
 - **Naturalization/Affidavit Form:** Required if applicant is born in country other than the United States and has had a name change through naturalization. Since it is a violation of law to copy a naturalization document, the Board will mail you a Naturalization Affidavit form after the submission of your application. Please follow the instructions on the Affidavit thoroughly. Again, please do not submit a copy of your naturalization paper.

- **Fingerprint Identification Verification:**

Fingerprint cards:

Pursuant to ORS 677.265 (9), applicants for licensure by the Oregon Medical Board must provide fingerprints as set forth in the above mentioned statute in order for the Board to conduct a state and federal criminal history record check. All fingerprints are processed through the Oregon State Police (OSP) and the FBI. Fingerprints must be submitted on form FD-258, which will be mailed to applicants upon receipt of application, or can be obtained from local law enforcement offices.

Fingerprint cards must be completed properly ([example](#)), with all of the identification information filled out according to the [instructions](#). The applicant must sign the card in the presence of the official taking the prints, who will also signed the card. In addition, the official taking the prints must complete an [Identification Verification Form](#) verifying the identity of the applicant at the time of printing. Fingerprint cards returned to the Board without this form will be rejected and applicants will be required to submit new prints – this will delay licensure. Applicants will be required to show picture identification (i.e., driver's license, state issued identification care, military identification care, passport) at the time of fingerprinting.

Completed fingerprint cards are to be returned to the Oregon Medical Board along with the Identification Verification Form. Do not send the fingerprint cards directly to the FBI or OSP.

The prints themselves must be of a quality meeting FBI standards, which are printed on the back of each fingerprint card. If the instructions are not followed, or the fingerprints do not meet FBI standards, the cards may be rejected by the Oregon Medical Board, OSP, or FBI. Rejected cards are sent back to the applicant with new cards for resubmission. This will delay the application process. All applicants are therefore urged to complete this step of the application process early so as not to delay licensure.

Fingerprinting services are available from local law enforcement agencies and can be found under fingerprinting services in the yellow pages. Fees for fingerprinting services may vary.

Questions regarding this procedure can be submitted by e-mail to the Licensing Department at omb.fingerprints@state.or.us.

- **Medical Practice Act and Administrative Rules Examination:**

This open book examination pertains to the Oregon laws and administrative rules regarding acupuncturists. Board staff will notify you if you answer five or more questions incorrectly; in that case, you will have to resubmit the questionnaire. Applicant must pass the questionnaire in no more than three attempts.

DOCUMENTS MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD FROM THE SOURCE - FAXED DOCUMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM THE SOURCE – COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED:

NOTE: If it appears that documentation was mailed by the applicant, the Board will not accept it. It is prudent NOT to provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope when requesting documentation that must be mailed directly to the Board from the source.

Documents from the source may be submitted to the Board prior to the application and fee, but their receipt will not be acknowledged until application and fee are submitted.

- **Verification of Education:**

A Verification of Education Form must be filled out by the dean, administrator, or program director of your Acupuncture program showing the beginning and ending dates of your attendance, date of graduation (month, day, and year), and a statement about your educational performance. The Board will return all incomplete forms to the Acupuncture program that are not completely filled out. The Board will not accept verification of education if it is received prior to your graduation. If it appears that a verification form came from you or that you have written in the bottom portion of the form, the Board will not accept the verification. Use the Verification of Education Form found on the Acupuncture application packet web page at www.oregon.gov/OMB to request this information from your educational institution.

- **Licensure Verification:**

Send a Verification of Health Related License Form to each state licensing Board or agency where you are or were licensed or registered (active or inactive) as an acupuncturist or **any other health related profession**. Other regulatory agencies do not have to use this Board's form. Verification can also be in the form of a letter (on formal letterhead or computer generated), but it must show your license number, date issued, disciplinary action (currently pending issues or previous action), and current license status with the Board. A form designed for this purpose can be found on the Acupuncture application packet web page at www.oregon.gov/OMB.

- **Employment Verification:**

Send the Verification of Health Related Employment Form to each place of employment where you practiced as an acupuncturist or any other health related profession (including non-clinical work) during the last five (5) years. Submit (fax or mail) the form to your employers with the top portion filled out by you. The Director of Personnel, administrator, or other employment official will complete the bottom portion of the form. The form must include complete beginning and ending dates of employment (month, day, and year), and include an evaluation of overall performance. The employer must mail the completed form directly to the Oregon Medical Board. If it appears that a verification form came from you or that you have written in the bottom portion of the form, the Board will not accept the verification. If military service included health related duties verification of employment is required. The Board does not accept the DD214 in lieu of verification of employment. Verifications of employment/practice from where you are currently employed or practicing that are dated more than six months prior to the receipt of your application by the Board must be re-submitted with a current verification. A form designed for this purpose can be found on the Acupuncture application packet web page at www.oregon.gov/OMB.

- **Report of Certified Status from NCCAOM:** Send the *NCCAOM Certification* form to the NCCAOM, who will then provide the Board with Report of Certified Status, indicating verification of successful completion of the certification exam, the date of the exam, your certificate number, and your current standing (active, inactive, or revoked) with the NCCAOM.

- **English Language Proficiency Examination:** If you took the NCCAOM examination in a language other than English or received certification from the NCCAOM Credentials Documentation Review, you must also submit proof that you have taken an English language proficiency examination such as TOEFL or TSE.

APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST

For applicants who DID **NOT** graduate from an ACAOM Accredited, Candidate, or approved equivalent Acupuncture program.

Please use this sheet to help you keep track of what you need to do to complete your file. Most often, delays are due to incomplete or inaccurate information. **You may not begin practice until you receive a license.** You will receive status letters when the Board receives documentation regarding your application. Please contact the Licensing Call Center at (971) 673-2700 if you have any questions. **FAXES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FROM THE APPLICANT BY THE APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE:

- Completed notarized application form, including passport photograph
- Initial application-filing fee of \$245.00

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FROM THE APPLICANT BY FILE COMPLETION DEADLINE:

- A photocopy of your official birth certificate (hospital birth certificates are not accepted)
- Name change documentation (if applicable)
- Fingerprint Card **and** Identification Verification Form
- A photocopy of your acupuncture school diploma
- Questionnaire on the Medical Practice Act and Administrative Rules
- Documentation of ACAOM western science coursework (form will be mailed to you after you submit your application).
- Transcripts from the schools listed on your *ACAOM Western Science Documentation Form*
- Notarized copies of appointment books, patient charts, and financial records documenting five years of licensed U.S. practice prior to July 1, 1998
- Notarized copies of appointment books, patient charts, and/or financial records documenting licensed practice as an acupuncturist in the U.S. during five of the last seven years prior to application for Oregon licensure
- Any additional documentation requested by the Board

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FROM THE SOURCE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD BY THE FILE COMPLETION DEADLINE:

- Verification of active current NCCAOM certification from the NCCAOM
- Verification of health related employment for the past five (5) years (if applicable)
- Verification of education from the Dean of your acupuncture school or program
- Verification of health related licenses/certifications granted by Oregon or another state (if applicable)
- Verification of English proficiency examination scores (if applicable)
- Verification of clinical practice – two Acupuncture Clinical Affidavit forms from two individuals verifying your five years of licensed U.S. practice prior to July 1, 1998 and 500 patient visits per year (will be mailed to you after you submit your application).

RETAIN A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR YOUR FILES.