



Board of Chiropractic Examiners

POLICY: ACUPUNCTURE TRAINING, CONTINUING EDUCATION, RECIPROCITY AND TITLES

TRAINING CRITERIA FOR CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS

No chiropractic physician licensed in Tennessee shall be considered authorized to practice acupuncture pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-4-101(a)(1)(D)(ii) and Rule 0260-02-.02(4) unless said physician has completed two-hundred and fifty (250) classroom practical hours of an accredited acupuncture course and has passed the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners acupuncture exam. No online or distance learning hours shall be credited toward the required 250 hours.

Prior to engaging in the practice of acupuncture, a chiropractic physician must (1) request that an official transcript be sent directly to the Board's Administrative Office from an accredited acupuncture program demonstrating successful completion of at least 250 hours classroom practical training and education and (2) request that official proof be sent directly to the Board's Administrative Office from the NBCE demonstrating successful completion of the NCBE acupuncture exam.

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners adopted and ratified this policy statement on the 12th day of November, 2009

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ACUPUNCTURE PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR TRAINING

For chiropractic physicians seeking approved programs in acupuncture, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners recognizes programs conducted or approved by:

- The accreditation commission on Acupuncture and Oriental medicine
- American Board of Chiropractic Acupuncture: Council on Chiropractic Acupuncture
- Tennessee Chiropractic Association
- Conducted by Post-graduate departments of colleges and universities holding accreditation by the Council on Chiropractic Education
- Conducted by the International Academy of Medical Acupuncture
- Courses approved by Tennessee Board of Chiropractic Examiners

COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Rule 0260-02-.12(1)(a), licensees who practices acupuncture shall have six (6) classroom hours, of the required twenty-four (24) hours required per year, to be completed in the

area of acupuncture. No credit for continuing education shall be awarded beyond six (6) hours each year. Licensees not certified to practice acupuncture shall not be granted credit for acupuncture continuing education.

APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR 6 HOURS IN AREA OF ACUPUNCTURE

The Board accepts for license renewal continuing education (CE) courses conducted by the International Chiropractors Association, American Chiropractic Association, Tennessee Chiropractic Association, American Board of Chiropractic Acupuncture: Council on Chiropractic Acupuncture, International Academy of Medical Acupuncture and courses approved by the Tennessee Chiropractic Association or Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards/Providers of Approved Continuing Education (FCLB/PACE) program that are consistent with RULE 0260-02-.12. However, no courses on the topics of philosophy or practice-building are approved.

With regard to FCLB/PACE approval, as of June 1, 2017, courses must be listed on the PACE website 30 days in advance of the date the course is to begin. The FCLB/PACE logo must additionally be listed on the submitted certificate. Courses offered by third party entities regardless of cooperation with a PACE recognized provider will not be approved.

With regard to submitted certificate documentation, refer to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. Rule section 0260-02-.12, 0260-03-.12, and/or 0260-05-.12 for additional guidance as to specific requirements for submission and approval.

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RECIPROCITY

Chiropractic Physicians seeking certification to practice acupuncture in Tennessee via reciprocity, must meet criteria pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-4- 101(a)(1)(D)(ii) and Rule 0260-02-.02(4), having obtained 250 hours of training and successful passing of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiner's (NBCE) examination on acupuncture. In addition, applicants must comply with rule 0260-02-.04 (2) meeting standards to qualify for practice in Tennessee by criteria (reciprocity).

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners understands, various states allow a lesser number of hours to obtain certification/licensure to practice acupuncture in other states. Currently, 100 hours are required to complete the NBCE examination on acupuncture. In light of this, the board allows the additional hours required beyond the initial 100 hours required for NBCE acupuncture examination to be obtained through the entities outlined in this policy under the headings, "Acupuncture Programs Approved For Training" and/or "Approved Continuing Education For 6 Hours In Area Of Acupuncture".

USE OF TITLE

It is the position of the Tennessee Board of Chiropractic Examiners that Chiropractic Physicians licensed by the Board and certified by statute to practice acupuncture, may refer to themselves as “Chiropractic Acupuncturist” in the performance of acupuncture.

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