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1 **Acupuncturist Licensing Amendments**
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Kristen Chevrier
Senate Sponsor:



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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill modifies ~~{the Acupuncture Licensing Act}~~ provisions related to licensure as an
6 acupuncturist.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

- 8 ▶ creates an alternate ~~{path}~~ pathway for licensure as an acupuncturist; ~~{and}~~
- 9 ▶ creates a temporary license for applicants completing supervised training; and
- 9 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

11 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

12 None

13 **Other Special Clauses:**

14 This bill provides a special effective date.

15 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

16 AMENDS:

17 **58-72-302** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

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18 ENACTS:

19 58-72-302.5 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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21 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

22 Section 1. Section **58-72-302** is amended to read:

23 **58-72-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

An applicant for licensure as a licensed acupuncturist shall:

- 22 (1) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed by~~]the division approves;
- 23 (2) pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the department determines in accordance with
Section 63J-1-504;
- 25 (3) pass the examination the division requires by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 27 (4) ~~{ as the division requires by }~~ establish, in accordance with rule the division makes in accordance
with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, ~~{ establish procedures }~~ a
procedure to collect a ~~{ patient's }~~ patients informed consent for treatment;
- 30 (5) at the board's request, meet with the board for evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for
licensure; and
- 32 [~~(3)~~] (6)
- (a) [~~meet the requirements for current active-~~] submit evidence of a current certification in acupuncture
under guidelines [established by the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and
Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) as demonstrated through a current certificate or other appropriate
documentation{ } that the National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine
makes };that the National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine makes; or
- 37 (b) submit evidence of completing { an acupuncture curriculum that } :
- 38 (i) ~~{ is }~~ an acupuncture curriculum of at least ~~{ two years in length; }~~ 850 hours of instruction that
covers:
- 39 (ii) ~~{ (A) }~~ ~~{ includes; }~~ point location;
- 40 (A) ~~{ (B) }~~ ~~{ 450 hours of instruction in East Asian medical theory, diagnosis and treatment in~~
acupuncture, and related studies } needle technique;
- 42 (B) ~~{ (C) }~~ ~~{ 75 hours of clinical observation }~~ East Asian medical theory;

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(C){ (D) } { 500 hours of instruction in a clinical internship that a licensed acupuncturist supervises }
human anatomy and physiology;

45 (D){ (E) } { 225 hours of instruction in biomedical clinical sciences; and } professional ethics;

46 (E){ (F) } { 100 hours of instruction in counseling, communication, ethics, and practice management }
boundaries; { and }

48 (iii){ (G) } { meets any other requirements the division makes by rule the division makes in accordance
with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. } draping; and

50 { (4) } }

49 (H) consent;

an acupuncture curriculum that meets any other requirements the division makes by rule made in
accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

53 (iii) at least 500 hours of supervised training in accordance with standards the division makes by rule
made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

56 (4) pass the examination required by the division by rule;

51 (5) establish procedures, as defined by rule, which shall enable patients to give informed consent to
treatment; and]

53 (6) meet with the board, if requested, for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for
licensure.]

61 Section 2. Section 2 is enacted to read:

62 **58-72-302.5. Qualifications for temporary licensure.**

63 (1) The division may issue a temporary license to an applicant for an acupuncture license who:

65 (a) completes the requirements for a licensed acupuncturist in accordance with Subsection 58-72-302(6)

(b), except for Subsection 58-72-302(6)(b)(iii); and

67 (b) practices acupuncture under the direct supervision of an acupuncturist licensed in accordance with
Section 58-72-302.

69 (2) The temporary license is valid for up to six months.

70 Section 3. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on { ~~May 6,~~ November 1, 2026.

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