

**Acupuncturist Licensing Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kristen Chevrier**

Senate Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill modifies the Acupuncture Licensing Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- creates an alternate path for licensure as an acupuncturist; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

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

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

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

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

An applicant for licensure as a licensed acupuncturist shall:

- (1) submit an application in a form ~~[prescribed by]~~ the division approves;
- (2) pay a fee ~~[determined by the department under]~~ the department determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- (3) pass the examination the division requires by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- (4) as the division requires by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, establish procedures to collect a patient's informed consent for treatment;
- (5) at the board's request, meet with the board for evaluation of the applicant's

31 qualifications for licensure; and  
32 ~~[(3)]~~ (6)(a) [meet the requirements for current active-] submit evidence of a current  
33 certification in acupuncture under guidelines [established by the National  
34 Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)  
35 as demonstrated through a current certificate or other appropriate documentation] that  
36 the National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine makes; or  
37 (b) submit evidence of completing an acupuncture curriculum that:  
38 (i) is at least two years in length;  
39 (ii) includes:  
40 (A) 450 hours of instruction in East Asian medical theory, diagnosis and treatment  
41 in acupuncture, and related studies;  
42 (B) 75 hours of clinical observation;  
43 (C) 500 hours of instruction in a clinical internship that a licensed acupuncturist  
44 supervises;  
45 (D) 225 hours of instruction in biomedical clinical sciences; and  
46 (E) 100 hours of instruction in counseling, communication, ethics, and practice  
47 management; and  
48 (iii) meets any other requirements the division makes by rule the division makes in  
49 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.  
50 ~~[(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~~  
52 ~~consent to treatment; and]~~  
53 ~~[(6) meet with the board, if requested, for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's~~  
54 ~~qualifications for licensure.]~~

55 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

56 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.