

1 **Acupuncturist Licensing Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kristen Chevrier

Senate Sponsor:

3 LONG TITLE**4 General Description:**

5 This bill modifies the Acupuncture Licensing Act.

6 Highlighted Provisions:

7 This bill:

8 ▶ creates an alternate path for licensure as an acupuncturist; and
9 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

10 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

11 None

12 Other Special Clauses:

13 None

14 Utah Code Sections Affected:**15 AMENDS:**

16 **58-72-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

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

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

20 58-72-302 . Qualifications for licensure.

21 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
24 with Section 63J-1-504;

25 (3) pass the examination the division requires by rule made in accordance with Title 63G,
26 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;

27 (4) as the division requires by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G,
28 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, establish procedures to collect a
29 patient's informed consent for treatment;

30 (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.