

Requirements for State Acupuncture Licensures (For ATOM Graduates; Updated on 7/8/2021)

Completion of the current Acupuncture with Chinese Herbal Medicine (ACHM) program at ATOM fulfills the education requirement for professional licensure or certification in acupuncture in the states indicated below with a check mark:

State	Eligibility	Program Completion Masters in Oriental Medicine	NCCAOM Diplomat					Note
			Certification	Foundation	Acu	Bio	Herb	
Alabama	X							No Practice Act
Alaska	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Arizona	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Arkansas	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
California	X	√						accepts 100% credits; California has its own examinations.
Colorado	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	A special requirement for Acupuncturists employing injection therapy (See Note below)
Connecticut	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Delaware	√	√*	√	√	√	√	√*	* Option: For the license of Acupuncture & Eastern Medicine Practitioner
Florida	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	Need additional training: 15 hours Supervised Instruction in Universal Precautions Applicable to Needling Techniques; 20 hours Florida Laws and Rules; and 60 hours injection therapy course.
Georgia	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Hawaii	√	√	X	√	√	X	X	
Idaho	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Illinois	√	√*	√	√	√	√	√*	*Option
Indiana	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	

Iowa	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Kansas	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	Based on NCCAOM information. The corresponding rule will be promulgated by the State.
Kentucky	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	X	
Louisiana	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	Shall affirm to establish and maintain a relationship with a physician at all times while engaged in the practice of acupuncture.
Maine	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	Proof of completion of a Baccalaureate Degree required.
Maryland	√	√	√*	√*	√*	√*	√*	X	* Option. Either graduated from an accredited program or NCCAOM certificate in Acupuncture
Massachusetts	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√*	*NCCAOM Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine certification is required to practice herbs.
Michigan	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Minnesota	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Mississippi	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Missouri	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Montana	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Nebraska	√	√	X	√	√	√	X	X	
Nevada	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
New Hampshire	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	Hold a baccalaureate or higher degree required.
New Jersey	√	√*	X	√	√	√	√	√*	Requires a baccalaureate degree; Requires completing the New Jersey Acupuncture Safety and Jurisprudence Examination. *NCCAOM Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine certification is required to practice herbs.

New Mexico	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	Requires board administered jurisprudence examination; and the clinical skills examination.
New York	√	√	X	√	√	X	X	
North Carolina	√	√	X	√	√	√	X	
North Dakota	√	√	√	√	√	√	√*	
Ohio	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Oklahoma	X							No Practice Act
Oregon	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Pennsylvania	√	√*	√	√	√	√	√*	*Option: Required for licensure as a practitioner of Oriental medicine
Rhode Island	√	√*	√	√	√	√	√*	*Option: Required for an Approval for the Use of Herbal Therapy
South Carolina	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
South Dakota	X							No Practice Act
Tennessee	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Texas	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	Need to pass the Texas Jurisprudence (JP) exam
Utah	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Vermont	√*	√	√	√	√	√	√**	*Requires 800 hours of clinical practice. ** Requires for who intend to employ nonprescription remedies and herbal therapies
Virginia	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	
Washington	√	√	X	√	√	√	X	
West Virginia	√	√*	√*	√*	√*	√*	√*	* Option. Either graduated from an accredited Acupuncture or OM program or NCCAOM certificate in Acupuncture or OM
Wisconsin	√	√	X	√	√	X	X	
Wyoming	√	√	X	√	√	√	X	

District of Columbia (DC)	√	√*	√	√	√	√	√*	*NCCAOM Chinese Herbology or Oriental Medicine certification is required to practice herbs.
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Note: (Colorado) shall use only those substances and techniques for which they have received training. Required Educational Coursework shall include: 1. Anatomy and Physiology; 2. Acupuncture physical exam and differential diagnosis; 3. Acupuncture point location, including underlying anatomy; 4. Acupuncture needling technique; 5. General injection safety; 3. Acupuncture point injection therapy; 7. Pharmacology; and 8. Clean Needle Technique. 9. For the use of injectable substances prepared from oriental herbs, completion of training in Chinese herbology and injection of Chinese herbal injectables is required. To demonstrate satisfying the training requirements in Chinese herbology and injection of Chinese herbal injectables the Director will accept NCCAOM, or a successor organization's, certification in Chinese herbology and/or certification in Oriental Medicine. 10. For the use of substances listed in (E)(3)(a)(12-17), instruction on the use of inhaled O2 and IM epinephrine for emergency use is required.