

## ACUPUNCTURE LICENSURE IN HAWAII

The Hawaii State Board of Acupuncture, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs regulate the practice of Acupuncture in the State of Hawaii. The Board's address is:

<https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/acupuncture/>

The Board requires that students obtain an Acupuncture Intern permit after they have completed a minimum of three (3) trimesters of instruction. This permit will allow the student to engage in the practice of acupuncture under the immediate supervision of a licensed acupuncturist in the school or in another approved setting for a period of four (4) years.

Licensure as an acupuncturist in Hawaii requires proof of the completion of a program from a school accredited by a regional or national accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. ICAOM is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, which is recognized as a national accrediting organization by the Department of Education.

Hawaii law requires all applicants for acupuncture licensure to pass the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine's (NCCAOM) Exams. There are specific instructions regarding the exams and submission of verification to the licensing board on the DCCA website listed previously. Information on taking the NCCAOM examinations can be found on the Commission's website: [www.nccaom.org](http://www.nccaom.org)

LICENSURE IN OTHER STATES The requirements for licensure as an acupuncturist vary by state and may require applicants to meet more stringent standards than does Hawaii. A guide to licensure requirements in each state can be found on the NCCAOM website at the following address: <https://www.nccaom.org/state-licensure/>

ICAOM graduates are eligible to take the NCCAOM and California exams. ICAOM's curriculum meets the following states educational requirements for licensure: AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY, DC.

ICAOM'S curriculum does not meet OR has not made a determination the following states educational requirements for licensure: SD, OK, & AL No guarantee can be made that completion of the program at ICAOM will result in passing the California and NCCAOM exams or lead to licensure by any agency.

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