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Illinois Department of
Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation

Qualifications for Licensure: Acupuncturist License (198)

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Important:

The qualifications for an Illinois acupuncturist license are provided in 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1140.30 and 1140.50. Part 1140 is referred to as [the acupuncture rules](#).

LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduation from an acupuncture program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), its successor entity, or its equivalent, as approved by the Division in accordance with Section 1140.40 of the rules.
- Successful completion of the Clean Needle Technique (CNT) Course provided by the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (CCAHM).
- Successful completion of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) certification examination.
- Individuals applying for a license by acceptance of examination must hold a current certification as a Diplomate of Acupuncture or a Diplomate of Oriental Medicine issued by the NCCAOM.
- Individuals applying for a license by endorsement who were first licensed on or after January 1, 2020 must hold a current certification as a Diplomate of Acupuncture or a Diplomate of Oriental Medicine issued by the NCCAOM.
- Individuals applying for a license by endorsement must be actively licensed as an acupuncturist in another state or jurisdiction of the United States.
- Please apply for licensure with the Division of Professional Regulation using the [CORE licensing](#) system.