

## Arizona



**Name of Law:** Acupuncture

**Statute Location:** Title 32, Chapter 39, Article 1

**Statute URL:**

<http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/32/03901.htm&Title=32&DocType=ARS>

**Rule:** Title 4, Chapter 8

**Rule URL:** [http://www.azsos.gov/public\\_services/Title\\_04/4-08.htm](http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_04/4-08.htm)

**License/Registration Required:** Yes

**Definition of Acupuncture:** "Acupuncture" means puncturing the skin by thin, solid needles to reach subcutaneous structures, stimulating the needles to affect a positive therapeutic response at a distant site and the use of adjunctive therapies.

**Scope of Practice:** N/A

**Prohibitions:** Possession of a license pursuant to this chapter does not by itself entitle a person to use the title "doctor" or "physician".

A person licensed pursuant to this chapter shall not represent to any member of the public that, by virtue of that license, the person is licensed to practice any modality other than acupuncture.

**Disclosures:** A person licensed pursuant to this chapter shall post the license in a conspicuous location in that person's office.

**Chinese Herbal Requirement:** No

**Education Requirement:** To receive a license to practice acupuncture pursuant to this chapter a person shall submit an application as prescribed by the board. The application shall document to the board's satisfaction that the applicant has successfully completed a clean needle technique course approved by the board and both of the following:

1. Has been certified in acupuncture by the national commission for the certification of acupuncture and oriental medicine, or its successor organization, another certifying body or examination that is recognized by the board, or has been licensed by another state with substantially similar standards, and has not had certification or licensure revoked.

2. Has graduated from or completed training in a board approved program of acupuncture with a minimum of one thousand eight hundred fifty hours of training that includes at least eight hundred hours of board approved clinical training.

Further, the board will accept documentation from an applicant that demonstrates the applicant has taken and passed all four of the exam modules: Point Location Module, Foundations of Oriental Medicine Module, Biomedicine Module and the Acupuncture Module as provided by the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

The board will recognize documentation from an applicant that demonstrates the applicant has taken and passed the California Acupuncture Licensing Examination or is licensed by another state with similar standards to Arizona

**Testing Requirement:** No

**NCCAOM Certification Requirement:** No

**Continuing Education Requirement:** An acupuncturist shall retain for a minimum of 2 years records of all continuing education course work completed. The Board, at its discretion, may audit a random sample of acupuncturists who report compliance with the continuing education requirement.

A licensee shall complete at least 15 hours of approved continuing education per year. The Board shall award hours in an approved continuing education as follows:

1. Seminar or workshop: One hour of continuing education for each contact hour;
2. Course at an accredited educational institution: 15 hours of continuing education for each semester hour;
3. Self-study, online, or correspondence course: Hours of continuing education determined by the course provider;
4. Teaching an approved continuing education: One hour of continuing education for each hour taught;
5. Having an article on the practice of acupuncture or traditional East-Asian medicine published in a peer-reviewed professional journal or in a text book: 15 hours of continuing education;
6. Attending a Board meeting: One hour for attending one meeting during a year; and
7. Having a text book published relating to the practice of acupuncture or traditional East-Asian medicine: 15 hours of continuing education.

The Board shall limit the number of hours of approved continuing education awarded as follows:

1. No more than 30 percent of the required hours may be obtained from teaching an approved continuing education. Hours may be obtained from teaching a particular approved continuing education only once during each year. No hours may be obtained from participating as a member of a panel at an approved continuing education; and

2. Hours that exceed the maximum required during a year may not be carried over to a subsequent year.

**Bond/Insurance Requirement:** No

**Notes:** An acupuncturist shall:

1. Make a complete, legible, and accurate record of each patient to whom an acupuncture treatment is given. The acupuncturist shall ensure that a patient record is in English and includes:

a. Name of the patient,

b. Patient history,

c. Dates of treatment,

d. Treatment given, and

e. Progress made during acupuncture treatments; and

2. Maintain a patient record for six years after the last treatment of the patient or whichever date occurs later.

3. If the patient is a child, either for at least three years after the child's eighteenth birthday or for at least six years after the last date the child received medical or health care services from that provider, whichever date occurs later.

**Notes:** An acupuncturist shall have established a protocol for the secure storage, transfer and access of medical records.

**License Application Fee:** Application for an acupuncture license: \$150

**License Investigation Fee:** No

**Background Check:** No

**Fingerprint Check:** No

**License Renewal Fee:** \$275

**License Term:** One year

**Enforcement Department:** Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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