

1 21 NCAC 10 .0208 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 10 .0208 ACUPUNCTURE**

4 ~~(a) Until July 1, 2008, in~~ In order to perform acupuncture, a licentiate or applicant for licensure ~~must~~ shall first certify
5 to the Board that he or she has completed a minimum of ~~100 hours' coursework in acupuncture meridian therapy,~~
6 ~~including sterile needle technique, theory of acupuncture and differential diagnosis of clinical indications.~~ 200 hours
7 of instruction sponsored or given by a chiropractic college accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or a
8 college or university accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the US Department of Education. The 200 hours
9 of instruction must contain at least 30 percent practical, hands-on hours. Individual classes can only be taken once
10 for credit. To perform acupuncture, a licentiate shall also take the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners
11 Acupuncture Examination and receive a passing score of 375 or greater. This coursework must be offered as either
12 part of the curriculum leading to the Doctor of Chiropractic degree or at the post doctoral level, and by a college
13 accredited pursuant to G.S. 90-143(b). Beginning July 1, 2008, in order to perform acupuncture, a licentiate or
14 applicant for licensure must first certify to the Board that he has completed a minimum of 200 hours of the above-
15 described coursework; provided, that this requirement of 200 hours' coursework shall apply only to a licentiate or
16 applicant for licensure whose initial certification date falls on or after July 1, 2008. Any licentiate certified prior to
17 July 1, 2008 may continue to perform acupuncture without obtaining additional education.

18 (b) Prior to performing acupuncture, a licentiate or applicant for licensure must provide the Board with the following:

- 19 (1) An official transcript from an accredited acupuncture program demonstrating completion of the 200
20 hours of instruction described in this Rule; and
21 (2) Proof of successful completion of the acupuncture examination described in this Rule.

22 (c) Licentiates holding an active license as of December 31, 2022 and who have received prior approval from the
23 Board to perform acupuncture are not required to meet the requirements of this rule. However, if a licentiate
24 grandfathered under this rule subsequently allows his or her license to lapse or if the license is subsequently subject
25 to active suspension or placed in a status other than active, the licentiate shall be required to comply with this rule
26 before being permitted to perform acupuncture.

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-142; 90-143; 90-151;*
29 *Eff. February 1, 2004;*
30 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2006;*
31 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. April 27,*
32 *~~2019.~~ 2019;*
33 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2022.*
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