

Nebraska Application Information Application for a License to Practice Acupuncture

LICENSE FEE WAIVER: Starting January 1, 2020, if you meet one of the following waiver options, your initial license and temporary license fee is waived, (this does <u>not</u> waive the fee for criminal background checks):

- 1. Young Worker: You are between the ages of 18 and 25 (under the age of 26).
- Low-Income Individual: You are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program such as the medical assistance program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act, the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, <u>OR</u> your household adjusted gross income is below 130% of the federal income poverty guideline.
 - If you live in Nebraska and are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, no further documentation is required to be submitted.
 - If you live in a state other than Nebraska and are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, submit a copy of a
 document showing current enrollment.
 - If your household adjusted gross income is at 130% of the Federal Income Poverty Guideline or below, click this link to see the current income guidelines, <u>http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/documents/LowIncomeFeeWaiverTable.pdf</u>. To be eligible for this waiver, you must submit a copy of your most recent tax return.
- 3. <u>Military Family:</u> You are an active duty service member in the armed services of the United States, a military spouse, honorably discharged veteran of the armed services of the United States, spouse of such honorably discharged veteran, and un-remarried surviving spouses of deceased service members of the armed services of the United States. To be eligible for this waiver, you must submit a copy of your ID card, discharge paperwork, or similar document that shows you are a military family member as described above.

<u>MILITARY</u>: To view licensing services available to members of the military and their spouses, visit our website at http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Professions-and-Occupations.aspx

APPLICATION PROCESS - To apply for a License:

STEP 1: Get copies of the following documents:

NON-ENGLISH DOCUMENTS. Any documents written in a language other than English must translated into the English language. You must submit a copy of the original document and the translated document. The translation must be an original document and contain the notarized or equivalent signature of the translator. An individual may not translate his/her own documents.

1) US Citizenship/Lawful Presence (must be at least 19 years old):

U.S. Citizen, a PHOTOCOPY of one of the following:

- Birth Certificate (Hospital issued keepsake birth certificates cannot be accepted).
- U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired).
- Certificate of Naturalization.
- Other documents that show U.S. Citizenship.

A Driver's License is NOT acceptable.

NOT a U.S. Citizen, a PHOTOCOPY of one of the following:

- Green Card, otherwise known as a Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), both front and back of the card;
- Form I-94 (Arrival-Departure Record) AND an unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired US visa; or
- Employment Authorization Card AND
 - \Box An approved deferred action status (DACA);
 - □ A pending application for asylum in the United States;
 - A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States; or
 - □ A pending application for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent Residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States.

NOTE: Documents (other than those for U.S. Citizenship) are verified by our office through the Department of Homeland Security. This process may take up to 30 days.

2) Education and Transcript: A Certificate of Acupuncture Education completed by a school on the form provided, and sent directly to this office from the school, showing successful completion of the acupuncture curriculum requirements of a formal, full-time acupuncture program at a Board-approved school or college (ACAOM accredited) which includes at least 1,725 hours of entry-level acupuncture education consisting of a minimum of 1,000 didactic and 500 clinical hours.

Information Relating to Military Education, Training, or Service: If you have completed education, training, or service that you believe is substantially similar to the education or training required for this credential while you were a member of the armed forces of the United States, active or reserve, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state, you may submit such evidence with your application for review.

3) **Examination:** Official documentation of passing score obtained on the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) Acupuncture Comprehensive Written Examination;

Official documentation of passing score obtained on the NCCAOM Point Location Examination;

Official documentation showing proof of completion of the Clean Needle Technique Course approved by the NCCAOM

- 4) <u>Professional Activities</u>: These must be listed for the last ten years or since graduated from acupuncture school if less than ten years ago. Also, please list all periods of non-professional activity. <u>This information is to be completed on the application form.</u> <u>PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE CURRICULUM VITAE</u>
- 5) Medical Malpractice Information: If you answered YES: Indicate the total number of claims you have had which resulted in (A) an adverse judgment against you; (B) a settlement made on your behalf, including those made prior to suite in which the patient released any professional liability claim against you; (C) an award was required or made by you or on your behalf.

Submit a detailed explanation of each claim to include the following:

- Name, sex and age of patient;
- Date of occurrence;
- Initial event (procedure/diagnosis);
- Subsequent event that precipitated the claims include the time sequence in relation to the initial event;
- Damages a description of damages or alleged damages resulting from the initial and subsequent events;
- Date of filing of malpractice claim in court (if applicable);
- Outcome of claim include the court disposition, whether or not the case was settled, and the amount of any monetary settlement or judgment made on your behalf;
- Date of final outcome of claim.

If You Answered YES To pending claims: Indicate the total number of malpractice claims that are currently pending against you. Submit the following for each pending claim: (A) A detailed explanation of the claim to include the information as outlined above; (B) Copies of the court documents that outline the statement of charges (often called the "Complaint"); (C) Letter from the attorney stating the current status of the claim.

- 6) Other State License Information: If you hold or have held a health related license in any state (other than Nebraska) you will need to contact that state and request a certification/verification of your license (do not send a copy of your license).
- 7) <u>Conviction Information</u>: If you have <u>EVER</u> received a ticket from law enforcement or animal control, check the court system to see if the ticket is on your record as a misdemeanor or felony conviction. Speeding tickets are not misdemeanors or felonies. You are required to list ALL convictions (regardless of when they occurred) on the application; you are NOT required to list infractions, diversions or dismissals. Misdemeanor and felony convictions can either be processed through traffic or criminal court, so when you check with the county court/district court, you should ask for both traffic and criminal court misdemeanor/felony convictions.

If you have convictions, you must submit:

(i) A copy of the court record related to all misdemeanor and felony convictions, that includes the statement of charges and final disposition, if the conviction(s) occurred in a state other than Nebraska;

(ii) An explanation of the events leading to the conviction (what, when, where, why) and a summary of actions that the applicant has taken to address the behaviors or actions related to the conviction; and

(iii) A letter from the applicant's probation officer addressing the terms and current status of the probation, if the applicant is currently on probation.

If you had an alcohol and drug evaluation and/or completed treatment, to assist the Board and Department in review of any drug and/or alcohol conviction(s), we encourage you to request that the treatment provider submit all evaluations and discharge summaries directly to the Department.

The following provides <u>SOME</u> examples of convictions; this is <u>NOT</u> a complete list				
MIP/ Tobacco Use by Minor	Driving under Suspension / Revocation			
DUI / DWI / Open Container	License Vehicle without Liability Insurance			
Controlled Substance	False Information or Reporting			
 Shoplifting / Theft / Burglary 	 Reckless Driving / Leave the Scene of an Accident 			
Unauthorized use of a Financial Transaction	Operator not Carrying License			
 Disturbing the Peace 	 Unlawful Display of Plates/Renewal tabs 			
 Assault / Prostitution 	 Park Rule Violation / Curfew Violation 			
 Disorderly Conduct / Disorderly House 	 Dog at Large / Fail to Vaccinate Animal 			
 Fail to Appear in Court 	 Littering / Fireworks / Bad Check 			

<u>NOTE:</u> If you have <u>any criminal charges or license disciplinary actions pending that result in a conviction</u> or license discipline, you are required to report such action to the Investigative Unit within 30 days of the conviction or disciplinary action. Reporting forms can be obtained at the following website: <u>http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Investigations.aspx</u> or by phone 402-471-0175.

STEP 2: Complete all pages and questions on the Application

<u>Temporary License</u>: If you apply for a temporary license, you must submit the temporary application, the license application and pay both fees (unless you qualified for a fee waiver).

TEP 3: Submit your application to the Licensure Unit					
 Completed Application Citizenship or Lawful Presence Document Education Documents Conviction Records (if you have convictions) 	☐ License Certifications (if licensed in another state) (if requested) ☐ The License Fee (unless you qualified for a fee waiver). See the license application for a listing of fees for Medicine. Pay by check/money order; debit or credit card is not accepted.				

Application Review: All applications are reviewed in date order received.

- If your application is missing information, you will be contacted by e-mail within approximately 15-20 days; the e-mail will list the information that is required to compete your application. You have 90 days to complete your application; if not completed within this 90 days, your application will be closed and all documents destroyed. A new application will then be required.
- If your application is complete, you will receive a wall credential in the mail.

Records Retention Schedule: When your license is issued, your application and documents will be kept by the Department for 5 years; then all documents will be destroyed. We encourage you to keep a copy of your application for your records.

Contact Information: Licensure Unit, Phone: 402-471-2118 / FAX: 402-742-8355 / E-Mail: dhhs.medicaloffice@nebraska.gov

Licensure Unit P.O. Box 94986, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4986

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Mail this application to the address listed above.

License to Practice ACUPUNCTURE Application

You must complete all sections of this application

LICENSE FEES:

A. Fee Waiver:

If you meet one of the following fee waivers, your initial license and temporary license fee is waived. Check only ONE waiver:

□ <u>Young Worker:</u> I am under 26 years old.

□ Low-income Individual:

- □ I am enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, including, but not limited to, the medical assistance program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act, the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; OR
- □ My household adjusted gross income is below 130% of the federal income poverty guideline.
- Military Family: I am an active duty service member in the armed services of the United States, a military spouse, honorably discharged veteran of the armed services of the United States, spouse of such honorably discharged veteran, and un-remarried surviving spouses of deceased service members of the armed services of the United States.

B. Fee Required if YOU DO NOT qualify for one of the above fee waivers:

Review the following chart to determine the fee required based on the month and year in which your license will be issued:

Acupuncture:

YEAR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Even Number Year	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$75	\$75
Odd Numbered Year	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300

Acupuncture licenses expire 05/01 of odd-numbered years

Pay by check or money order to: Licensure Unit

Your cancelled check is your proof of payment. Payment is processed upon receipt. Debit or credit card is not accepted.

SE	CTION A: INFO	TION A: INFORMATION							
1	You must print yo	our Legal Name belo	DW .						
	First:		Middle:		Last Name:				
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2	Address:	Street/PO/Route:							
		City:		State or Country:		Zip:			
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3	Social Security N	umber (SSN):							
4	If you are not a U your A# or I-94#:		Alien Registration Numb	er ("A#"):					
			I-94 #						
put	olic information, DH	IHS may share your	uires you to provide your s social security number fo uue or the Department of L	r child support enforce					

5	Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year):	Place of Birth (City/State or COUNTRY):
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6	Phone #: (optional)*	Additional Phone #: (optional)*
	E-Mail Address:	
* pl	phone number and e-mail is optional, but providing this info	prmation will speed up communication with you
7	Have you ever been denied the right to take a license ex	camination in any State?
	Yes D No D If yes, explain:	
8	Check here if you are the spouse of an active dut	y member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Nebraska.

degree earned and date receive showing graduation from, after havi program at a board-approved unive	IRE EDUCATION List the name and location of a ed. You must request that official documentation be sent ng successfully completed the acupuncture curriculum requesity, college, or school of acupuncture which includes at le of 1,000 didactic and 500 clinical hours. Documents not	directly to the Department from the institution, uirements of, a formal, full-time acupuncture east 1,725 hours of entry-level acupuncture
Name of Institution		
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City/State/Country		
Attended From:	(M/D/Y)	
Attended To:	(M/D/Y)	
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City/State/Country		
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Attended To:	(M/D/Y)	

Information Relating to Military Education, Training, or Service:

If you have completed education, training, or service that you believe is substantially similar to the education or training required for this credential while you were a member of the armed forces of the United States, active or reserve, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state, you may submit such evidence with your application for review.

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SECTION D: CONVICTION AND LICENSURE INFORMATION

Failure to list any conviction(s) or disciplinary action(s), regardless of when the action occurred, could result in disciplinary action. Answer the following questions either yes or no by placing a (\checkmark) in the appropriate box. All 'yes' responses MUST be explained in detail. Additional documentation may be requested by the Board/Department after submission of initial information.

CONVICTION INFORMATION: You must list ALL misdemeanor or felony convictions (regardless of when they occurred).

1	Have you <u>EV</u> convicted of misdemeand	а	Name of Conviction	Date of Action	Name of Court Taking Action
	Yes 🗆	No 🗆			

The following provides <u>SOME</u> examples of convictions; this is <u>NOT</u> a complete list				
MIP/ Tobacco Use by Minor	Driving under Suspension / Revocation			
• DUI / DWI	License Vehicle without Liability Insurance			
 Controlled Substance 	Fail to Appear in Court			
Open Container	False Information or Reporting			
 Shoplifting / Theft / Burglary 	Leave the Scene of an Accident			
Unauthorized use of a Financial Transaction	 Operator not Carrying License 			
 Disturbing the Peace 	Unlawful Display of Plates/Renewal tabs			
Assault / Prostitution	Park Rule Violation / Curfew Violation			
 Disorderly Conduct / Disorderly House 	Dog at Large / Fail to Vaccinate Animal			
Reckless Driving	Littering / Fireworks / Bad Check			

SECTION D CONTINUED: CONVICTION AND LICENSURE INFORMATION

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LICENSE INFORMATION: The following questions relate to a license that you currently hold or have held in a state <u>other</u> than Nebraska.

1	Do you hold or have you held a license in any other state(s)?	If yes, what state(s)?	What type of lice	nse?
	Yes 🗆 No 🗆			
	If YES, has your license ever been denied, refused renewal, limited, suspended, revoked or had other disciplinary measures taken against it?	Type of Action	Date of Action	Name of State Taking Action
	Yes 🗆 No 🗆			

	SECTION I		
1	Have you ever had any disciplinary or adverse action imposed against a professional license or permit in any state or jurisdiction?		□ NO
2	Have you ever voluntarily surrendered or voluntarily limited in any way a license or permit issued to you by a licensing or disciplinary authority?		□ NO
3	Have you ever been requested to appear before any licensing agency?		□ NO
4	Have you ever been notified of any charges, complaints or other actions filed against you by any licensing or disciplinary authority?	□ YES	□ NO
5	Are you aware of any pending disciplinary actions or of any on-going investigations of a complaint against your license or permit in any jurisdiction?	□ YES	□ NO
6	Have you ever been asked to and/or permitted to withdraw an application for licensure or permit with any Board or jurisdiction?	□ YES	□ NO
7	Has any state or jurisdiction refused to issue, refused to renew or denied you a license or permit to practice?		□ NO

SECTION II

ir	Are you currently suffering from any condition for which you are not being appropriately treated that mpairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice acupuncture in a competent, ethical and professional manner?	□ YES	□ NO
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	SECTION III		
1	Have you ever been restricted, suspended, terminated, requested to voluntarily resign, placed on probation, counseled, received a warning or been subject to any remedial or disciplinary action during acupuncture school or postgraduate training?	□ YES	□ NO
2	Have you ever had hospital or institutional privileges denied, reduced, restricted, suspended, revoked, terminated or placed on probation?		□ NO
3	Have you ever voluntarily resigned or suspended your hospital or institutional privileges while under investigation from a hospital, clinic, institution, or other medically related employment?		
4	Have you ever been notified that any action against your hospital or institutional privileges is pending or proposed?		
5	Have you ever been allowed to withdraw your staff privileges from a hospital or institution?		□ NO
6	Have you ever been subject to staff disciplinary action or non-renewal of an employment contract?		□ NO

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SECTION IV						
1	Have you ever been notified of any professional liability claim that resulted in an adverse judgment, settlement, or award, including settlements made prior to suit in which the patient releases any professional liability claim against the applicant?		□ NO			
2	Are you aware of any professional liability claims currently pending against you?		□ NO			

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SECTION E: PRACTICE PRIOR TO LICENSE

If you practice prior to being issued a Nebraska license, you are subject to assessment of an Administrative Penalty of \$10 per day up to \$1,000, and you may be subject to other disciplinary action as provided in the statutes and regulations.

1	Have you practiced Acupuncture in Nebraska without a Nebraska license?		Yes 🗆 No 🗆	
If yes, what are the actual number of days you practiced in Nebraska without a Nebraska license and what is the business name, location and telephone number of the practice:		Number of days:		
		Name of Business:		
		City:		
		Telephone #:		

SECTION F: ATTESTATION

For the purpose of meeting Neb. Rev. Stat. §§4-108 through 4-114 and 38-129 (*check ONE* of the boxes below): I attest that:

□ I am a citizen of the United States.

I am <u>NOT</u> a citizen of the United States. I am a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act or a nonimmigrant lawfully present in the United States, with documentation such as a permanent resident card, I-94 document, asylum, etc.

I am <u>NOT</u> a citizen of the United States. I have an unexpired Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and documentation listed under the Federal REAL ID act, such as DACA, pending asylum, pending refugee, etc.

I am **NOT** a citizen of the United States, a nonimmigrant, nor a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act

I further attest that:

- 1. I have read the application or have had the application read to me; and
- 2. I am of good character and all statements on this application are true and complete.

Print Name:	

Signature:

Date:

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Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit PO Box 94986, Lincoln NE 68509-4986 (402) 471-2118

CERTIFICATE OF ACUPUNCTURE EDUCATION

Name of Universit	y/School or College			
Street				
City	State	Zip		
I,		, have applied fo	r a license to pract	ice acupuncture in the State of
Nebraska. As par I hereby authorize Nebraska any and from any and all lia that such acts are	t of the application process, t (Name of School all information requested be ability the above named socie	he State of Nebraska requir , its sta ol or College) low, whether such informati ety and/or person for any an without malice. Further, I re	es a verification of off or representative on is favorable or u d all acts performe quest that this con	my acupuncture education. e to provide the State of unfavorable, and I hereby release ed in fulfilling this request, provide npleted form be sent directly to th
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I certify that the a requirements:	acupuncture program com	pleted by this applicant m	et or exceeded t	he following specific
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