

## Chapter RL 71

## CERTIFICATION

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**RL 71.01 Application for certification.** An applicant for certification as an acupuncturist who has never practiced acupuncture or who has never been certified as an acupuncturist elsewhere, or who does not qualify for certification under s. RL 71.02 or 71.03, shall submit to the bureau of health service professions, department of regulation and licensing:

(1) An application on a form provided by the department.

Note: Application forms are available on request to the department at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(2) A current, passport-type photograph of the applicant.

(3) The fee specified in s. 440.05 (1), Stats.

(4) Evidence that the applicant has never been the subject of any disciplinary action by any professional or licensing board, or convicted of any offense substantially related to the practice of acupuncture.

(5) Evidence of successful completion of the NCCA examination in acupuncture.

(6) Evidence of successful completion of course of study and residency, the equivalent of at least 2 consecutive years of full-time education and clinical work in Oriental diagnostic and therapeutic theories and practices at a school accredited by the national accreditation commission for schools and colleges of acupuncture and Oriental medicine or the NCCA.

(7) Evidence of successful completion of a clean needle technique course acceptable to the department.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11-1-90.

**RL 71.02 Application for certification of a current practitioner.** (1) An applicant for certification as an acupuncturist who has practiced in Wisconsin between September 1, 1989 and September 1, 1990 and who wishes to obtain certification without examination, shall provide the materials required by s. RL 71.01 (1) to (4), and shall submit the application under this section between September 1, 1990 and January 1, 1991. Applications received by the department on or after January 2, 1991 will be returned to the applicant without action by the department.

(2) Applications shall be reviewed for compliance with the following criteria:

(a) Evidence that the person applying for a certificate as an acupuncturist had established a continuous residence in the state of Wisconsin on or before September 1, 1989, and has resided in the state thereafter.

(b) Evidence that the person applying for a certificate as an acupuncturist has been actively engaged in the practice of acupuncture in Wisconsin between September 1, 1989 and September 1, 1990.

(3) A person is "actively engaged in the practice of acupuncture" if the person uses acupuncture as the primary means of treatment of patients, not as an adjunctive therapy. Acupuncture is the primary means of treatment of a patient when the therapy is dependent upon a thorough understanding and application of Oriental diagnostic theories and practices. Any applicant, whether or not licensed, registered or certified to practice another healing art, shall provide the department with satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

(a) Used acupuncture based on Oriental diagnostic and therapeutic theories and practices as the primary means of treating diseases and disorders in a minimum of 50 patients with a minimum of 250 patient visits between September 1, 1989 and September 1, 1990, as demonstrated by patient records or affidavit; and,

(b) Performs general health care in at least 70% of all patient visits, and performs specialized health care such as anesthetics, cosmetic treatments, addiction therapies, or weight control in no more than 30% of patient visits; and,

(c) Practices consistent with the standards of a clean needle technique course acceptable to the department.

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**RL 71.03 Application for reciprocal certification.** An applicant for certification as an acupuncturist who is certified as an acupuncturist in another state or territory of the United States shall provide the materials required by 1989 Wis. Act 336. Applications shall be reviewed for compliance with either sub. (1) or (2):

(1) Has been actively engaged in the certified practice of acupuncture during the 5 years immediately preceding the application in any other state or territory of the United States. A person is "actively engaged in the practice of acupuncture" if the person uses acupuncture as the primary means of treatment of patients, not as an adjunctive therapy. Acupuncture is the primary means of treatment of a patient when the therapy is dependent upon a thorough understanding and application of Oriental diagnostic theories and practices. Any applicant, whether or not licensed, registered, or certified to practice another healing art, shall provide the department with satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

(a) Used acupuncture based on Oriental diagnostic and therapeutic theories and practices as the primary means

of treating diseases and disorders in a minimum of 100 patients with a minimum of 500 patient visits during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the application, as demonstrated by patient records or affidavits; and,

(b) Performs general health care in at least 70% of all patient visits, and performs specialized health care such as anesthetics, cosmetic treatments, addiction therapies, or weight control in no more than 30% of patient visits; and,

(c) Practices consistent with the standards of a clean needle technique course acceptable to the department.

(2) The requirements for certification in the other state or territory of the United States are substantially equivalent to the requirements for initial certification as an acupuncturist in Wisconsin.

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