

**CHAPTER 64B1-4
QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE**

64B1-4.001 Acupuncture Program Requirements

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In order to be certified to take the licensure examination or to be eligible for licensure by endorsement, the applicant must establish that he/she has met the following minimal requirements.

(1) Applicants who were not enrolled as students prior to August 1, 1997, and completed their education after July 31, 2001, must have completed a core curriculum comparable to that of the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) master's level program in oriental medicine with a minimum of 2,700 hours of supervised instruction.

(2) Applicants who were not enrolled as students prior to August 1, 1997, and completed their education prior to July 31, 2001, must have completed 60 college credits from an accredited postsecondary institution prior to completion of a 3-year course of study in acupuncture and oriental medicine with a minimum of 2,025 hours of supervised instruction.

(3) Applicants who were enrolled as students in a program prior to August 1, 1997, must have completed at least 900 hours of supervised instruction in traditional oriental acupuncture and at least 600 hours of supervised clinical experience. All applicants under this provision must have started classes no later than February 1, 1998.

(4) All applicants must have 60 hours study in injection therapy, to include:

(a) History and development of acupuncture injection therapy;

(b) Differential diagnosis;

(c) Definitions, concepts, and pathophysiology;

(d) The nature, function, channels entered, and contraindications of herbal, homeopathic, and nutritional injectables;

(e) Diseases amenable to treatment with acupuncture injection therapy and the injectables appropriate to treat them;

(f) Identification of appropriate points for treatment, including palpatory diagnosis;

(g) A review of anatomy and referral zones;

(h) Universal precautions including management of blood borne pathogens and biohazardous waste;

(i) Procedures for injections, including preparing the injectables, contraindications and precautions;

(j) 10 hours of clinical practice on a patient or patients; and

(k) Administration techniques and equipment needed.

(5) All applicants must successfully complete 15 hours of supervised instruction in universal precautions and 20 hours of supervised instruction in Florida Statutes and Rules, including chapters 456 and 457, F.S., and this rule chapter.

(6) Applicants must have completed an eight hour program or its equivalent that incorporates the safe and beneficial use of laboratory test and imaging findings in the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine.

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64B1-4.012 Acupoint Injection Therapies.

Effective March 1, 2002, adjunctive therapies shall include acupoint injection therapy which shall mean the injection of herbs, homeopathics, and other nutritional supplements in the form of sterile substances into acupuncture points by means of hypodermic needles but not intravenous therapy to promote, maintain, and restore health; for pain management and palliative care; for acupuncture anesthesia; and to prevent disease.

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